

# On The Fly

Newsletter of the Suncoast Fly Fishers of St. Petersburg

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TOURNAMENT

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Jack Collins' snook P14





*SFF President David Redd*

## President’s Message: June 2025

A few times a year, the planning committee gets together to plan the monthly outings and speakers for our monthly meetings and invariably we face the same question. What can we do to get more participation in our monthly outings and meetings? This has seemed to be even more challenging since Covid.

Bob Burkard puts a lot of time and effort into chairing the planning committee. Bob has conducted surveys, created spreadsheets, contacted potential speakers, handled reserving shelters for our outings as well as providing most of the outing lunches. And that is just part of what Bob contributes.

So again in Bob’s efforts to make the outings more inclusive for all members, this year the outings committee has decided to change our usual Dock Light outing to what we are going to call our Annual Tournament outing.

The term dock light outing was very restrictive for members who don’t own a boat or don’t want to kayak at night. So a couple of years ago we changed it Dock Light and Beach Fishing for Snook. This change got a few more people involved but still lacked the participation compared to other outings.

This year Bob had the idea to totally open up the outing to try to include as many members as possible. If you want to fish the dock lights then fish the dock lights or fish the beaches if you prefer. Want to fish the mangroves in your kayak, then go ahead. Want to fish your favorite pond for Bass and Bluegill, have at it. Fish wherever you want for whatever you want.

You can fish from Friday evening until Sunday midday, take a photo of your catch and send it to Bob. If your catch is big enough it will also be entered on the Annual Tournament leader board. However, because of the extended fishing window we will not be meeting for a picnic lunch.

I would like to thank Bob once again for all his efforts to try to improve the enjoyment for our members. I encourage each of you to get out to your favorite spot, catch a lot of fish, take some pictures and most importantly have fun.

*David*

## We are Suncoast Fly Fishers of St. Petersburg

### Aims and Purposes

The Suncoast Fly Fishers, Inc. (SFF) is an organization of fishing enthusiasts who love fishing with the fly rod. We welcome all people of all ages with similar interests, regardless of their fly-fishing skill level. We enthusiastically teach those that wish to learn or improve their fly casting, fly tying and related fly-fishing skills. SFF meets monthly where we talk fly fishing, tie flies and most months feature a speaker with a program highlighting local fly-fishing opportunities.

Suncoast Fly Fishers (SFF) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. SFF is a charter member of the Fly Fishers International (FFI). SFF is a member of the Florida Council of FFI. SFF supports the conservation of natural resources, boating safety and fishing regulations.

### Monthly Meetings. Guests welcome.

Third Thursday of every month (except December) at St. Pete's Walter Fuller Park Rec Center, 7891 26th Ave. N. 6 to 8:30 pm.

### Directions to our meeting at Walter Fuller Park.

From 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N turn North on 72<sup>nd</sup> St. N. Turn left (West) on 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Then turn right into the rec center parking lot.

### Monthly Outings

Club members meet up every month for a fly-fishing outing and lunch. Usually it is scheduled on the Saturday after the monthly meeting on the third Thursday of every month.

**Contact us by mail:** Suncoast Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 40821, St Petersburg, FL 33743-0821

**Visit our website and Facebook pages, too**

[SuncoastFlyFishers.com](http://SuncoastFlyFishers.com)

[Monthly Calendar](#)

[Facebook.com/scff2020](https://www.facebook.com/scff2020)

**Online Pay Portal: Pay dues, donate, purchase**

<https://suncoastflyfishers.com/eshop/>

**Membership. Welcome new members Larry Cohen, Carol Hanks, Connie Hardy, Sean Pascoli and Barry Tosdevine.**

Our club now has 107 members including 15 family and six honorary. Annual membership is \$50 (\$40 for seniors) and \$60 for families. That includes benefits and annual membership in [Fly Fishers International](#) and the [Florida Council](#) of Fly Fishers International.

**Paying dues: Dues can also be paid via cash, check or credit card at any club meeting, outing or event**  
**Annual memberships can be paid online through the website -- SuncoastFlyFishers.com -- or by mailing a check to SFF, PO Box 40821, St. Petersburg, FL 33743. You can also pay by credit card by calling Karen Warfel at 813-505-3162.**

### Suncoast Fly Fishers

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### Club Officers

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### On The Fly

Editor Bill AuCoin, Anne Mitchell, Bob Hood, Tim Elms, Marshall Craig, Kevin Kelly

*Committees--Members are encouraged to serve on one or two committees. Do you? If not, speak to one of the officers at the next meeting.*

## Meetings, Outings, and More

### June 19 Meeting

- The June meeting will feature Captain Andy Austin who has donated a half-day guide trip which will be raffled off to all members present with a \$5 entry fee. Captain Andy will talk about his favorite spots and techniques.
- Lady Fly Tournament Director Samantha Tallyn will also give us an update on the Suncoast Fly Fishers Lady Fly tournament which is scheduled September 13.

### June 20-22 Outing

- This is our brand new three day summer tournament. It replaces the docklight/beaches outing. You can fly-fish freshwater and/or saltwater in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Polk Counties.
- Two-member teams: Prizes will be awarded to two-member teams catching the most different saltwater species and the most different freshwater species.

### Future meetings

- July 17. Speakers plus Q & A on how to fish Upper Tampa Bay and Alligator Lake
- August 21. Leigh West and Bob Burkard how-to on fly fishing around Fort DeSoto Park
- September 18. Jeff Harrell, owner of the Bar Fly in Safety Harbor, the world's first fly fishing bar
- October 16. Member Cliff Nigh talks about new fly fishing gear that will be available next year
- November 20. Our club's first "Fly Market." Sell your used gear. Buy gear from others.
- December. No meeting

### Future outings

- July 19: Fish upper Tampa Bay and/or Alligator Lake/Alligator Creek then meet up at noon at Phillippe Park (Pavilion #7) for a club picnic. Awards for the longest bass and seatrout.
- August 23: Fort DeSoto Park. Awards for the longest snook and longest seatrout. Summer brisket BBQ at Shelter #3.
- September 20: Fish Tampa Bay on either side of the Sunshine Skyway. Picnic at noon at the North Skyway Rest Area (aka Blackthorn Memorial). This will be our annual get-together with Sarasota's Mangrove Coast Fly Fishing Club.
- October 18: Carl Hanson Memorial on the Hillsborough River with the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. We hope to have access to Trout Creek Wilderness Park for the picnic. Longest fish and most panfish awards.
- November 22: Middle Tampa Bay. Lunch at the Crab Shack on Gandy Boulevard.
- December 20: Annual Member Tribute outing. Fort DeSoto Park chili cookoff. Shelter #3. Award for the longest fish on the fly.

### Club Events. Save the dates.

- Friday and Saturday, September 13, second annual SFF Lady Fly tournament. (Details on page 8.)
- Saturday, December 13, 2025, Christmas Party, St. Jerome Catholic Church in Largo
- Saturday, March 28, 2026 Hog Roast, St. Jerome Catholic Church in Largo.

### Club Community Connections

- Club President David Redd and Jack Collins represented Suncoast Fly Fishers at the Carrollwood Community Center's family fishing tournament on Saturday, June 14.
- Several club members including David Redd, Claude Neidlinger, and Rick Warfel will demonstrate and teach fly casting techniques to boys and girls at the Riverview Youth Casting event on July 16.

## Bob Burkard: Our May Outing Report



*Bob Burkard, meetings-outings committee chair*



*Terrific selfie, Mike. Yep, that's Mike Nolan hiding behind the 20-inch speckled trout he caught kayak fishing near Tierra Verde.*



*A beautiful day in the neighborhood. That's the Maximo Park pavilion where we ate grilled burgers, hot dogs, cookies, and more. This is just some of the attendees. Others were still fly fishing that beautiful shoreline. At the May outing members could fish anywhere in lower Tampa Bay west of I-275.*

Well, we have some winners. Actually, lots of winners including those who gobbled down grilled burgers and hot dogs at the Maximo Park picnic.

Two members also struck it rich. (Well, \$10 gift certificates.) Mike Nolan caught several trout including his 20-inch winner fishing Sawyer Key near Tierra Verde. And Brian Henderson caught the longest ladyfish. Seven inches. Wow.

Nobody reported catching a snook or a redfish so we still don't have longest fish leaders in those categories. The leader list is on the next page.

## Bob Burkard: June Outing -- SFF Summer Tournament

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Two-member teams: Prizes will be awarded to two-member teams catching the most different saltwater species and the most different freshwater species.

You can fish from Friday evening until noon on Sunday. Take pictures of your catches and email me your team names and results on Monday after the long-weekend tournament. My email address is...

[robertburkard9@gmail.com](mailto:robertburkard9@gmail.com)

*Bob*

## 2025 Meetings/Outings Chart

*Future speaker and outing details are subject to change*

Year	Month	Meeting Date	Speaker / Meeting	Outing Date	Outing	Target Fish	Fresh or Salt	Comments	Lunch
2025	January	1/15/25	Trash & Treasures: Alan Sewell	1/18/25	Weedon Island	1. Longest Ladyfish 2. Longest Trout	Salt		Crab Shack
2025	February	2/20/25	Joe Cordaro - Flat Winged Files	2/22/25	Cypress Point Park	Longest Redfish	Salt		
2025	March	3/20/25	Mark Hays Alan Sewell	3/22/25	Washingham Lake	1. Longest Bass 2. Longest Bream	Fresh		
2025	March			3/28/25	SFF/TFF Joint Banquet (The Hog Roast)				
2025	July	7/27/25	Terry Kilpatrick & TBO	7/19/25	Alligator Lake and Philippe Park	1. Longest Bass 2. Largest Bream 3. Longest Trout	Salt & Fresh		Philippe Park - Shelter #7
2025	August	8/21/25	Lugh West Bob Burkard	8/23/25	Fort DeSoto	1. Longest Snook 2. Longest Trout	Salt		Summer Brisket BBQ - Ft Desoto Shelter #3
2025	September	9/10/25	Jeff Hamrell, owner of Bar Fly.	9/20/25	Skyway Rest Stop North with Mangrove Club		Salt		Skyway Rest Stop North
2025	October	10/16/25	Cliff Nigh - Latest Fly Fishing Equipment update from ICAST	10/18/25	Hillsborough River - Carl Hansen	1. longest Bass 2. Most Blue Gills	Fresh		TBO
2025	November	11/24/25	Fly Market: Sell and buy your used gear	11/22/25	Middle Tampa Bay.	1. Longest Ladyfish 2. Longest Trout	Salt		The Crab Shack
2025	December			12/13/25	Christmas Party - St. Jeromes				
2025	December		No Meeting	12/16/25	Fl DeSoto - Member Tribute Outing	Longest Fish on a Fly	Salt		Our Annual Chili Cook-off - Ft Desoto Shelter #3

### *Leaders on the 2025 Outing Tournament Trail*

Species	Winner	Length	Outing (Month)
Longest bream	Jack Collins	7-inches	Taylor Lake (March)
Longest black bass	Bruce Evensen	22-inches	Everglades (April)
Longest Peacock Bass	Tim Elms	18-inches	Everglades (April)
Longest redfish			
Longest snook			
Longest seatrout	Mike Nolan	20-inches	Lower Tampa Bay (May)
Longest ladyfish	Tony Piazza	18.5-inches	Weedon Island (January)

## Bob Burkard: May Meeting Report

Something weird just happened. At the May outing Brian Henderson won the award for the longest ladyfish award. It was seven-inches long. Well, seven must be the magic number. That was the same length as the longest bass which Brian caught in April at the Carl Hanson outing on the Hillsborough River.



Brian Henderson (l) won the longest fish award for catching a seven-inch bass. President David Redd presented the Carl Hanson drawing to him at the May meeting. Brian gets to keep it until he has to surrender it (or not) at the 2025 Carl Hanson outing in October. Brian also caught 17 panfish on the Hillsborough but David Redd caught 23 panfish so he won that award.



Lots of winning. Kevin Kelly won a \$25 gift certificate and lots of other raffle goodies.

## Blast from the Past: *On The Fly*, June 2014

### Alan Sewell's Club Outing Reviews & Previews



**Urban Outing -- April 19** -- The April outing was our "Urban Outing" held downtown At Vinoy Park in St. Petersburg. This event is usually a good fishing trip with good weather and plenty of parking. Well, I did not realize that there would be marathons and The Main Sail art show that morning and the wind would blow hard from the Northeast. Thanks to the SFF members who braved the parking and wind to catch. And thanks to Mark Craig for bringing lunch while I was in 40 degree and 25 - 30 mile wind for two days and then it rained for the next two days. I had a kayak and a deck boat with no trolling motor, so no fishing. Fish were caught at the outing, and the monthly prize was for the largest Ladyfish. David Putnam reeled in a beauty that measured 22-1/2 inches.

**Everglades Canal Expedition, April 23 - 27** -- This was the annual Everglades Canal Fishing Trip. Eighteen SFF members made the expedition. Some fished five days; some fished just one day. I have fished this for ten years and this was the most incredible trip of my lifetime. Calculating: If each member fished five hours a day and caught 20 fish per hour, that would total several thousand fish caught. Most fly fishers caught many more and fished up to eight or more hours a day, which really pushed the total catch much higher. Bass, bream, gar, Mayan cichlids, and oscars were caught, but oscars were the most abundant. Oscars would hit on almost every cast and they were huge. Hundreds of bass were caught from half-pound to more than five pounds. The board decided to award the angler who caught the largest fish with an award. That was Adam Hays, and his catch was a large peacock bass, caught at Marham Park. He used the rod he won at the banquet and he fished out of his new Gheenoe. Congratulations, Adam.

## Samantha Tallyn: SFF Lady Fly Tournament Update

*Editor's note: This women-only fly tournament is Samantha's brainchild and it's already looking like the second Suncoast Fly Fishers Lady Fly tournament is going to be a big success. Here's a brief update from Samantha.*

### SFF Lady Fly Tournament Update

The second Suncoast Lady Fly Tournament will be September 13th.

We are excited to be creating a logo and branding this tournament for years to come. (See next newsletter for our new logo hopefully)

Go to [SuncoastFlyFishers.com](http://SuncoastFlyFishers.com) to view the latest info and also to print out the full-sized flyer. Please share the flyer with any interested anglers or sponsors/donations.

We are expecting a larger youth presence this year which is fantastic! Contact me with any questions you might have. Telephone 727-710-3207 or email me at [Samantha@janssen-cpa.com](mailto:Samantha@janssen-cpa.com).

Volunteers are needed for the captains meeting September 12th and the awards dinner September 13th.

To register to fish the tournament go [here](#).

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*Lady Fly Director Samantha Tallyn with a big redfish caught on the fly.*



*Group shot of competitors and volunteers from the first Suncoast Fly Fishers Women's Tournament.*

## John French: Spending Time with Flip Pallot



*John French*

I attended the annual American Water Works Association in Orlando this past December. Our water industry has changed and a once fierce competitor who is now a partner approached, and we discussed fly fishing, me a beginner, and Andy, a lifelong fly-fishing expert.

After several adult beverages Andy inquired, did you see that *Weekend with Flip Pallot* sponsored by Brian Flechsig at [Mad River Outfitters](#)? Yeah I replied, just don't know if I can throw that sort of money at something without catching fish. With a chuckle and a serious reply, Andy said these guys aren't going to be around forever. This might be our chance in a lifetime to meet a legend. "I missed my chance with Lefty and I'm not going to let that happen again," Andy said. After a few more beverages we were in. Exclamation point!

So a few months later, we met up at Flip's house lit a fire, had snacks and rum, and listened to Flip tell his stories about the Industry, tarpon, bonefish, Lefty, and an entire cast of characters. I felt like some of the stories necessitated the need for a heavy pair of Depends. One was how Lefty would cruise over boulders in his skiff and just smile like nothing happened while everyone else in the boat was holding on for dear life.

The next morning, we met at the Renzetti Vise Factory. The morning consisted of more stories, rod manufacturing, leaders, fishing the flats, and the history of modern-day fly fishing. The afternoon was a double-haul bonanza learning session. It was a great learning experience, and it felt good not to be on the side of the gents being cursed like bilge rats by Flip! (Thanks to the casting seminars held by our club and private lessons by Pat Damico.)



*Flip preparing his special turkey chili*

The following day we went straight to casting and double hauling, then we ate a special turkey chili recipe lunch prepared by Flip. The last hour of the day concluded with tips and tricks for getting line out quickly, for placing line in your pocket (yeah), and hunting reds and the like on the flats.

It was a great adventure and a great memory to have regardless of not fishing!

Here's a link to [Flip's website](#).

*John*



*Flip showed John and Andy a valuable mix of ways to quickly present the fly when sight-fishing for salty gamefish.*

## Bob Burkard: Everglades in May

Since joining the Suncoast Fly Fishers I have heard about the April outings in the Florida Everglades and the amazing fishing where members reported that they caught hundreds of fish a day when fishing in the canals. I had tried fishing in the Everglades on my own when traveling to Miami, but my results did not match anything that I had heard from my Suncoast friends who had fished there. I was unable to join the large group on the April outing again this year. However, last month I went fishing with one of our most experienced fly-fishing members, Mark Hays, who knows the ins-and-outs of fishing in the Everglade canals and the results were truly mind-blowing.



*Mark Hays with a jaguar capote*



*Bob caught this oscar on a spoonfly*



*Bluegills, too*

We left on a Thursday morning and after stopping for breakfast and a relaxing drive along Rt 75, we stopped at one of the rest stops/boat launches and launched our kayaks to start fishing at 11:30 AM. Using a 4-wt rod made by Alan

Sewell and flies recommended by both Mark and Alan, I started to cast within a short distance of the boat launch. On my first cast I caught an Oscar and on my second cast I caught a Mayan Cichlid. While I did not catch a fish on every cast, the action continued for hours with most casts producing a hit. I fished both top water and sinking flies. Following Mark's advice, I presented my flies against the lily pads and structure along the banks with great results.

For the first day, I focused on catching oscars, Mayan cichlids, jaguar guapote, and bream. I lost count on the number of fish that I caught. While Mark focused on catching peacock bass, I was excited to catch large numbers of smaller fish. There was a slight breeze that helped with the Florida heat and kept the insects at bay, but the heat finally got to us, and we quit for the day around 4:30 PM. I know that I caught over 50 fish just on the first day.

On day two we went to a boat ramp north of Rt 75 on Rt 27. At this location I caught dozens of bream and largemouth bass. It sounds like an exaggeration when I talk about the 100s bass, bream, and Mayan cichlids that we saw when paddling along the canal. The fish did not seem as willing to eat my fly on every cast as the first day, but we still caught an impressive number of fish. In addition to the exotics, I caught my first warmouth. We also saw large numbers of peacock bass and after lunch, I decided that I had to catch one. However, these peacock bass had lockjaw when presented with my flies. I had a few follows to my kayak, but no takers.



*One of Bob's Mayan cichlids.*



*One of Mark's peacock bass.*

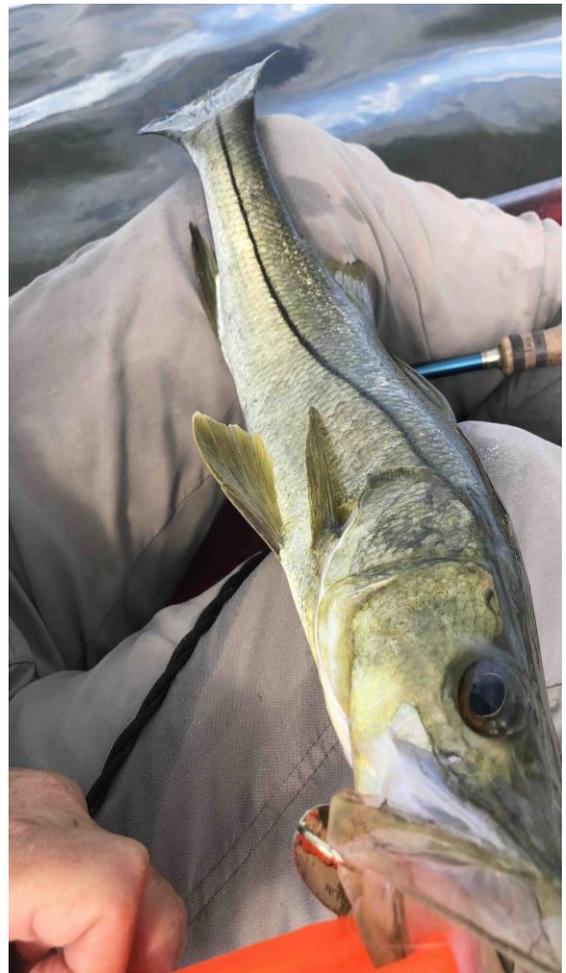
In addition to great conversation and company, Mark provided both advice and equipment. Catching these fish on a light fly rod with a friend is a great experience, one that I will never forget, and one that I hope to repeat next spring

*Bob*

## Mike Nolan: Weedon Island Fishing Report



New member Mike Nolan has been fishing the Weedon Island Preserve area in his kayak and he's liking it. Here are some pictures of snook, redfish, and seatrout that he caught this spring. He also hooked a juvenile tarpon which pulled him toward the mangrove shoreline. Then the poon made this huge leap and landed in the thick mangroves and broke him off. Sorry, no pictures of that. The seatrout was 23-inches long. Redfish and snook were even longer.



**Suncoast Fly Fishers: "Why I'm glad I joined SFF"**

*The SFF board of directors has green-lighted the design and printing of 500-plus flyers that can be given to potential members at fly shops and other events. Members were asked to share why they are glad they joined Suncoast Fly Fishers. Here are just a few.*

Dayle Mazzarella

*It is an absolute pleasure to write this testimonial for the Suncoast Fly Fishing club. I have visited a couple dozen clubs nationwide giving presentations and am a member of four clubs. SFF is BY FAR the most welcoming and friendly of all the places I've been.*

Tony Piazza

*I started wintering in Florida in 2008. I was a fan of fly fishing spring & freestone creeks up north but knew they were not in Florida. I thought about trying saltwater fly fishing but had no idea how to start. The SFF website lead me to my first meeting which opened a new door in my life.*

Capt. Ray Markham

*I have been a member of Suncoast Fly Fishers for decades. Having learned to fly fish at a very early age, learning more about what makes it easier and more productive has always been my goal. No matter what your goals or interests may be, some members share the same interests as your own.*

Quin Berry

*When I come to meetings or outings the only thing on my mind is fishing. Troubles are forgotten.*

Doug Stratton

*I am a "snow bird" and new to salt water fly fishing. Joining Suncoast Fly Fishers provided opportunity to meet with and fish with others who had more experience with salt water fly fishing.*

Tom DeBella: *I love the club because I'm not the only liar in the room.* 😊

Capt. Pat Damico

*On my first visit to the Suncoast Club I was immediately put at ease by senior members and introduced to several who were close to where I lived. I've always been thanked when I referred new members.*

Greg Clark

*Meeting new people, learnings from the monthly club programs and just "doing life" with fellow fly-fishers through sharing experiences, tips, fishing spots, etc., as well as enjoying the group fishing time together.*

Tim Elms

*The SFF has provided me with opportunities to forge lifelong friendships, contribute to our community, and connect with renowned fly fishing figures. I am deeply appreciative of my wife's encouragement to join the organization. Thank you, Suncoast Fly Fishers!*

John French

*1 - Chicks dig it      2 - Friendship      3 - Conservation      4 - Learning      5. Community*

Ron Kelley

*The members are very friendly, welcoming newcomers with whom they willingly share their expertise.*

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## Parks and Recreation opens 20 lakes for summer fishing

St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department opens 20 freshwater and two saltwater lakes for the summer season...through Labor Day. Fishing is permitted daily between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. A freshwater fishing license is required at all freshwater lakes for everyone except children ages 15 and under or anyone fishing in their resident county and using a pole without a reel. Florida residents over age 65 do not need a fishing license.



*Mike Nolan fly fishing Crescent Lake*

The following freshwater lakes will be open for shoreline fishing only (boats are prohibited):

- Crescent Lake Park - 22nd Ave. at Fifth St. N.
- Eagle Crest Lake - Sixth Ave. and 66th St. N.
- Euclid Lake - 25th Ave. and 17th St. N.
- Lake Vista Park - 62nd Ave. and 14th St. S.
- Booker Creek Park Lake – 23rd St. and 13th Ave. N.
- Childs Park Lake - 11th Ave. and 42nd St. S.
- Moon Lake - 13th Ave. and 42nd St. N.
- Kelly Lake - 40th Ave. and 20th St. N.
- Jude Lake - Sixth Ave. and 55th St. N.
- Lynch Lake - 70th Ave. and 18th St. N.
- Mastry Lake - 64th Ave. and 14th St. N.
- Ruby Lake - 26th Ave. and 35th St. N.
- Sheffield Lake - 24th Ave. and 49th St. N.
- Sirmons Lake - 33rd Ave. and 41st St. N.
- Teresa Gardens Lake - 32nd Ave. and 71st St. N.
- Viking Lake - 75th Ave. and 14th St. N.

**Saltwater Lakes**

The following saltwater lakes will be open for shoreline fishing. No license is required for these lakes:

- Bartlett Lake - 22nd Ave. and Fourth St. S.
- Fossil Park Lake - 70th Ave. and Seventh St. N.

**These lakes are open for fishing year-around**

- Salt Creek at Bartlett Park, 22nd Avenue and 4th Street S.
- Fossil Park Lake, 70th Avenue and 7th Street N.
- Walter Fuller Lake, 26th Avenue and 78th Street N.
- Lake Maggiore, 38th Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Street S.
- Lake Eli (aka Little Lake Maggiore), 25th Street & Lamparilla Way S.

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## Bruce Evensen / Bill Scarola: Moonshine Minnow



Bruce Evensen



Moonshine Minnow

Suncoast Fly Fishers tie the Moonshine Minnow at Bruce's studio on Monday, June 16. The tying leader is Troy Dillman.



Bill Scarola

Bill Scarola said "This pattern emulates small glass minnows and is excellent for spring and summer beach fishing for snook, reds, mackerel, ladyfish, and jacks. It's also an excellent fly for night time docklight fishing. Use with long slow strip action and/or with varied retrieval speeds."

### Materials:

Hook: #4,6 TMC 811's, Daiichi 02546, or 3407, and Stinger hooks.

Thread: Clear Mono or white

Body: Pearl mylar cord, medium/clear vinyl rib.

Tail: White marabou

Eyes: 3-5 mm stick on hologram, black/white

Collar: Pearl mylar cord

Suncoast Fly Fishers meet up at Bruce's St Pete fly tying studio every Monday at 6 pm. Bruce's studio is next door to his home at 530 80th Ave N. All are welcome, beginners as well as veteran tyers. We have extra material and a vise if needed. Don't be late. Bring a friend.



Our VP Jack Collins caught this 27-inch snook on a Badger Baitfish fly. Jack hosted the June 2 tying session, leading fly tyers through the step-by-steps to tie this winner.



This is the actual Badger Baitfish fly that Jack was using to catch that 27-inch linesider.

## Captain Pat Damico: Captain's Corner



*Capt. Pat Damico: Club member and FFI master certified casting instructor*

**Subject:** Fly fishing Florida freshwater ponds

Almost every Florida freshwater pond will have a healthy bass population. Even if never stocked, wading birds will transport tiny eggs or fry to give visiting bass a start.

Bright sunny days will help you locate fish because they are often concentrated. Shallow ponds don't have a deep-water escape from the sun and heat. Docks, rafts, bridges, lily pads, undercut banks and logs will provide a comfortable resting place for bass to hang out. This is where you should concentrate your efforts.

Use a 6 or 7-weight fly rod with a floating weight forward line. Many companies offer a bass taper especially designed for this purpose. Include a 9-foot knotless tapered leader with a 10-pound tippet.

Foam or cork poppers that imitate frogs are great, but white, yellow, black, and chartreuse, especially with rubber legs will work. A weed guard will prevent grass and floating debris from fouling. Cast from a stealthy position avoiding your shadow from the sun.

Early morning and evening are preferred times comfortable for both you and the fish. Work your offering slowly, pausing often, and expect explosive surface strikes. Walk softly on the shore to prevent vibration that will alert and scare cautious fish.

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## Bill Scarola: Jokes of the Day

- Some people think my DAD jokes are childish, which is crazy. They are *full groan*.
- My teacher says that fish are more intelligent than we give them credit for. They spend a lot of time in *schools*.
- Why did the fisherman put his money in the freezer? *He wanted cold hard cash!*
- What do you call a fish wearing a tuxedo? ..... *Sofishticated!*
- What's the best way to watch a fly fishing tournament? ..... *Live stream!*

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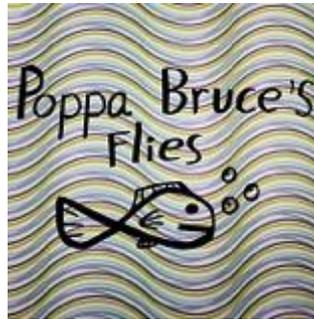


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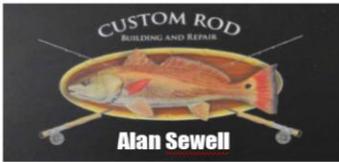


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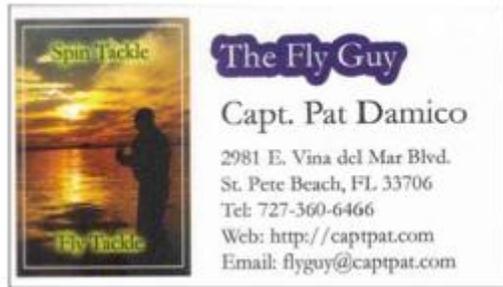
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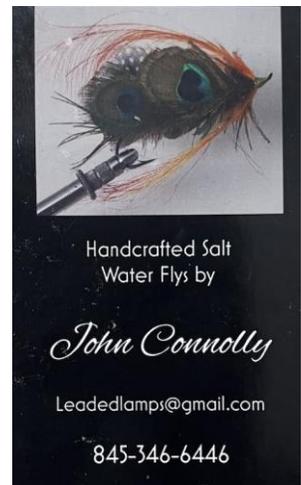
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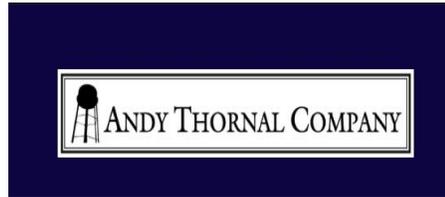
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