

# On The Fly

Newsletter of the Suncoast Fly Fishers of St. Petersburg

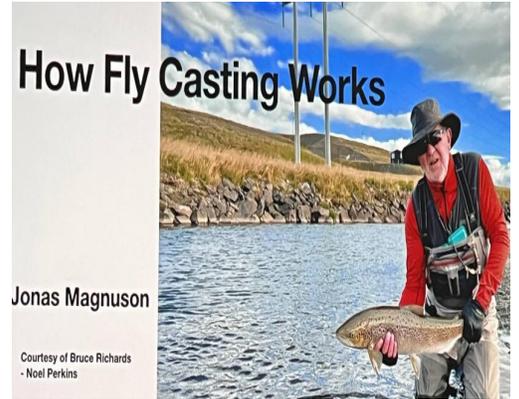
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## President's Message: October 2025.



*SFF President David Redd*

Is the summer heat behind us? I certainly hope so.

The mornings and evenings have become very pleasant. That means it's time to get out and fish, no more excuses about the heat (I'm writing that to myself). It also means our snow bird members will be returning to join us at the meetings and outings. It will be great to have them back.

This month we will have the time honored Carl Hanson outing on the Hillsborough River. The Tampa club will be hosting this time. Lunch will be at Trout Creek Conservation Park, so bring your kayak and join us.

Next month we will be trying something different at the monthly meeting, we are going to have a "Fly Market". We will have tables set up for individuals to sell items they no longer use but would like to get something for them. The club will not charge a fee for the table space but certainly would be open to a donation of a portion of the proceeds if you feel inclined to do so.

The club would also ask that you consider perhaps donating any unsold items that you no longer use so they can be used for the Hog Roast or Trash n' Treasures. I look forward to seeing the display of items at the meeting.

We will also have pizza and drinks, so come hungry and enjoy the evening.

See you then.

*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

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### Membership.

**Our club now has 111 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](http://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.**

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*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



October speaker Jeff Harrell with a huge permit he fought and landed on his fly rod. But, his favorite gamefish? Tarpon!

### Thursday, October 16 Meeting, Walter Fuller Park Rec Center

- October 16 Meeting. Our speaker is Tarpon Hunter Jeff Harrell, owner/founder of BarFly restaurant (and apparel!) in Safety Harbor. An avid fly angler, Jeff fly fishes from Cayman Islands to Belize to Bahamas to Colorado to Montana PLUS the waters of Tampa Bay. Jeff also is the founder of the 'poonfecta tournament to protect juvenile tarpon.
- President David Redd opens the meeting at 7 but come earlier for cookies and cokes, water and whatnots, club logo hats, and to get tickets for the bucket raffle after the meeting.
- Bring one of your fly rods and before the meeting join members practicing on the grass behind the rec center.
- The new club brochure created by VP Jack Collins has been printed and will be presented at the October meeting.

### Saturday, October 18 Outing

- October 18 Outing: This is the 2025 Carl Hanson Memorial on the Hillsborough River, our annual competition with the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. Fish the upper Hillsborough River then meet up at noon for a picnic at Trout Creek Conservation Park near Thonotosassa. Awards for the longest fish and the most panfish.

### More 2025 meetings and outings

- November 20 Meeting. "Fly Market" --Sell fly gear you no longer use. Donate unsold items to the club.
- November 22 Outing: Middle Tampa Bay. Lunch at the Crab Shack on Gandy Boulevard.
- December 18. No meeting
- December 20 Outing: Fort De Soto Park. Annual Outstanding Member Tribute outing. Chili cookoff. Award for the longest fish of any species caught on the fly.

### Here and there

- Good news. The 2025 Suncoast Fly Fishers Lady Fly tournament was quite successful and will be adding \$\$\$\$ to the club coffers when revenues and expenses are finalized.
- John French is now on the board of directors in place of James Davis who has resigned.
- Tim Elms is one of the presenters at Fly Fish Southwest Florida in Ft. Myers on December 6. He has arranged for a \$10 discount for SFF members. [Go here](#) and use the coupon code: tampabay (lower case).

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Jordan Grard of Tampa Bay Waterkeepers accepted a SFF check for \$500 from Lady Fly raffle proceeds.

## P2/Meetings, Outings, and More

### More Events. Save the dates.

- Christmas Party. Saturday, December 13, 6-9 pm, St. Jerome Catholic Church in Largo.
- Hog Roast, March 28, 2026. St. Jerome Catholic Church. Our speaker is legendary fly fishing guide Steve Huff. He began guiding in 1968 in the Florida Keys after graduating from the University of Miami. He became the first full time professional fishing guide ever inducted into the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame.
- Big Gun Shootout, Picnic Island Park, Sunday, November 16.

### The Big Gun Shootout

Sponsored by the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club

Sunday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m. Picnic Island Park, Tampa (Shelter #611)

Experts and beginners alike are invited to test their fly casting skills at the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club's annual "Big Gun Shoot-Out" casting competition! Individuals and teams of three are welcome!

Plaques will be awarded for highest scoring individual, highest scoring teams, and the "Big Gun," the overall distance casting champion.

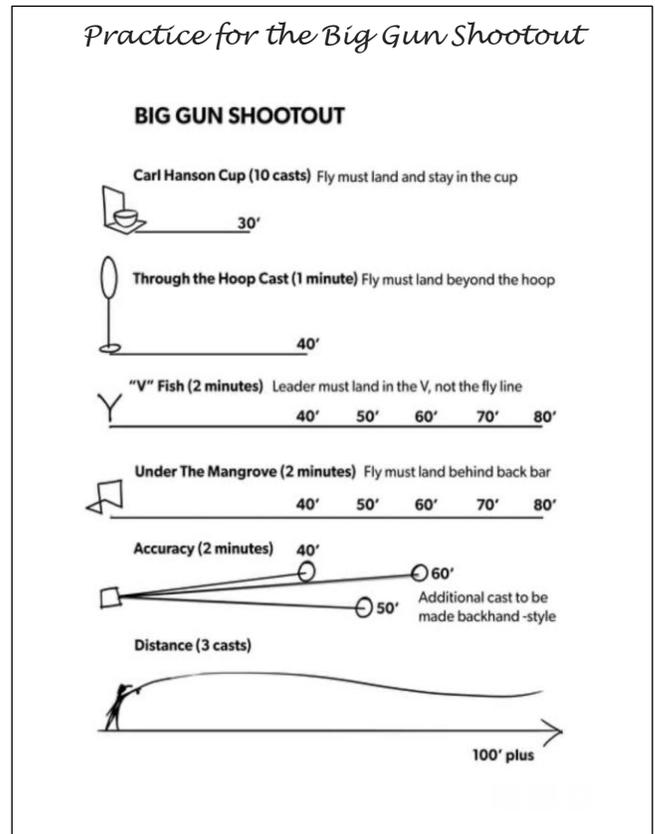
Plus, we will anoint a Women's champion. Contestants will participate in competition stations that mimic the challenges of fly fishing, such as casting under the mangroves, into a cup of water, or through a hoop suspended a few feet off the ground. Come out and give it a try – you'll be hooked!

The competition will run from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. There is NO entry fee, and lunch will be provided to all contestants. You may use your own rod (8 weight or less) for all competition stations.

The Big Gun distance contest must be an 8 weight rod. Volunteers also are needed to help set up the course and score contestants. This is a family oriented event and all are welcome. Please RSVP to me ([walt.durkin@aol.com](mailto:walt.durkin@aol.com)) or to our web address: [tampabayffc@gmail.com](mailto:tampabayffc@gmail.com). We are limiting participation to 16 teams so don't get left out. //Walt

Tim Elms will be setting up the games and going through them for practice. Email Tim to get on that list of practices. [tim@suncoastflyfishers.com](mailto:tim@suncoastflyfishers.com)

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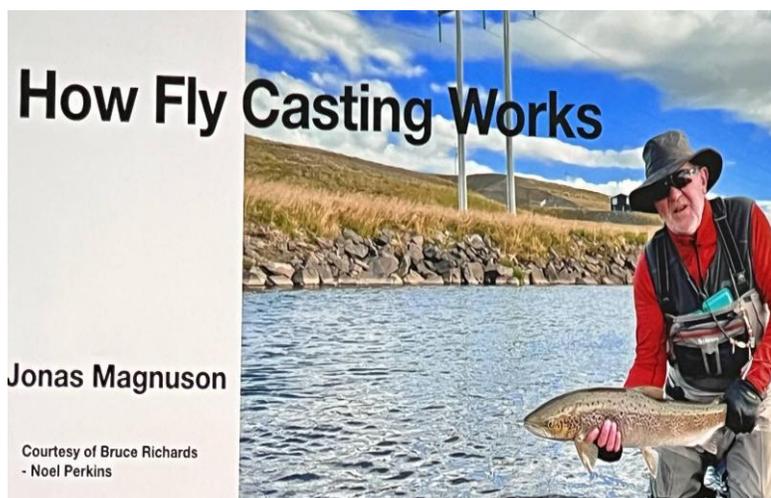


# Jonas Magnusson: How to make the very best fly casts

Most of us fly fishers aren't casting nearly as far as we could and we're wasting a lot of energy doing it. It's because when our line flies forward it's way too loopy. Air and wind slow it up.

There's a fix for all that and Jonas Magnusson, our September meeting speaker, reinforced his talk with screen slide graphics and major messages.

Jonas is an FFI certified fly casting instructor and he has helped hundreds of Tampa Bay fly fishers fix their casting issues. It's not just his fix. It's the fix that was determined by a research tool called the [Fly Casting Analyzer](#).



## The straight top leg

Leads to a pointed loop when the stop is abrupt and high

The line shape we strive for



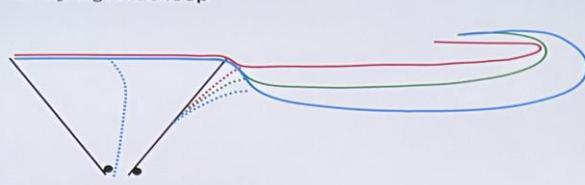
The straight top leg

1. The result of smooth constant acceleration
2. An abrupt high stop of the rod rotation

Major takeaways: Smooth, constant acceleration AND an abrupt stop to the forward cast. It's also critical for us to know where the rod tip will be pointing when we stop the forward stroke because that's the direction our fly line will be taking.

## Slow Stop

Stopping the rod too slowly, (wide casting arc) = convex tip path and fly leg/wide loop



## Minimize slack

- For most efficient casting the line should be as straight as possible when every casting stroke starts, and aligned with the coming cast
  - Pick up
  - False casting
  - Delivery cast
  - Misalignment (180 degree rule) acts as slack
- Pause
  - Improper cast timing results in a slack

**Slack is the enemy.** Of course, it's not just the forward cast we need to be concerned about. Because if we don't manage the back cast properly the forward cast is doomed.

**Overlining is okay.** And, as Jonas made clear, we want the fly line to match the rod we're using so that we DO NOT have to apply more force than necessary. Often, overlining our rod by one or even two weights gives us a better rod bend, more line speed, and more distance. And it puts less strain on our arm. Oh, what a relief it is.

*Bill AuCoin*

## Cliff Nigh: What's New Fly Fisher?

Suncoast Fly Fisher Cliff Nigh went to ICAST in Orlando in July to check out the new fly fishing gear that the manufacturers will be putting on the market. ICAST is a trade and media only show and Cliff got to go because he's in the biz; specifically, he's in charge of the fly fishing department at St. Pete Fishing Outfitters. And, at the September meeting, he gave us gear freaks a sneak preview.



*Redington Grande -  
Bonefish Limited  
Edition*

### Fly reels

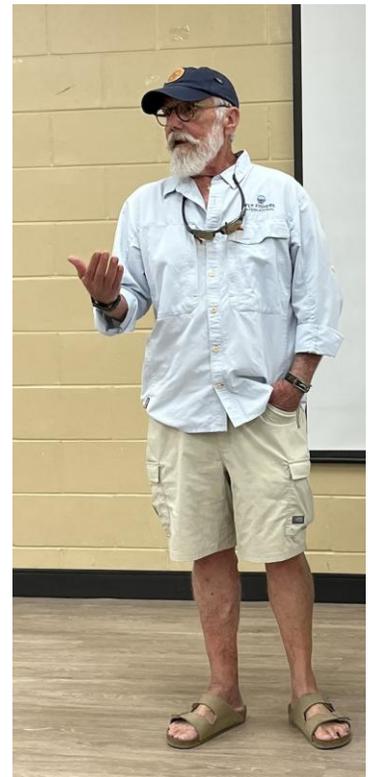
Major fly reel selling features continue to be weight, appearance, and functionality. And, of course, price. Cliff called our attention to the new Okuma Integrity, which won Best of show, the new Lamson Liquid and Remix-S series as well as the Liquid MAX, and a new Redington Grande Limited Edition which, for looks, includes etching of a bonefish and a tarpon. (Yeah, you pay a little extra for that.).

Epic (better known for their rods) showcased their new Trutta Fly Reel which sports a hubless design.

### Fly rods

Best of show award went to St. Croix' new Legend Elite four-piece rod from 3 to 8 weight.

TFO's latest rod is the "Moment" fly rod engineered to add distance, accuracy, and a special "feel." "It casts beautifully," he said. It also retains the recoil guides featured on the Axiom II-X. Cliff really liked TFO's Axiom II-X, a high modulus rod that is designed to help us cast farther and keep the fly on target. Unfortunately this rod is being "retired" and replaced with the "Moment." Once his backstock of Axiom I-X's is depleted, that's the end.



*Suncoast Fly Fisher Cliff Nigh*

### Others

Cliff was impressed with Frogg Toggs' new Sonic Edge SF waders which also won the Best in Category. He's a Renzetti fly tyer to his core but he had to say that the new travel-light Nomad Fly Tying Vise by Rambler Angler and Blade Company checks out as a highly functional and durable vise. Some of you may know the Nomad as the former Wolff Atlas Vise.



*Nomad Fly Tying Vise*

## Bob Burkard: September Sunshine Skyway Outing



*Bob Burkard, meetings-outings committee chair*

Our annual invitational outing with the Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers was a big success. We had more than 10 MCFF members and maybe 15 SFF'ers and together we caught dozens of fish--seatrout, little gag grouper, pinfish, puffers, jack crevalle.

SFF member Claude Neidlinger caught five seatrout on a white gurgler. That included a 14-incher. Nobody else measured and entered their longest seatrout so we're officially certifying Claude as the official winner of our \$10 outing gift certificate.



*Big tide brought fish close to the shoreline.*



*Colin's polywog fly*

Mark Hays didn't land any big fish, which is weird, but he saw some biggies including two 60--pound juvenile 'poons and one big redfish cruising the rocky shoreline at the North Skyway rest area.

Colin from the Mangrove Coast club caught lots and lots of little gag groupers on a polywog fly.

Hungry anglers gobbled up sandwiches and watermelon -- *Thanks for carving it, Alan* -- and gorged on a delicious array of brownies, cookies, and cakes brought by the Mangrove Coasters. Yes, a good time was had by all.

### Bob



*Robert Fischer wade fishing the North Skyway rest area.*



*Ted Rich's smile looks like a good fishing report.*



*MCFF Craig Smothers was kayak fishing until the wake of a huge Hatteras flipped him over. He didn't see it coming.*

## Bob Burkard: Carl Hanson Outing on the Hillsborough River

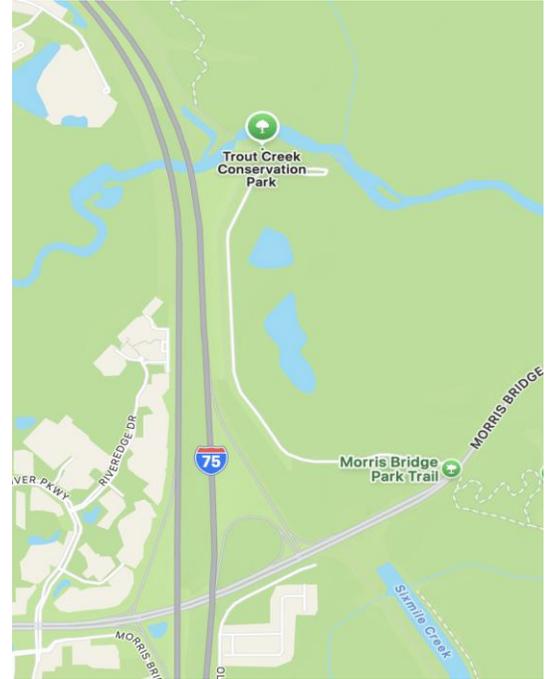


Carl Hanson tying flies. The St. Pete Times called him "Lord of the Flies."

The annual Carl Hanson memorial outing is Saturday, October 18 on the Hillsborough River. It's also the annual competition with the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. Carl belonged to both clubs and will long be remembered.

You can fish the river anywhere you want but meet up by noon for the picnic and awards at a shelter at Trout Creek Conservation Park east of Thonotosassa. This year the picnic is being hosted by the Tampa Bay club.

The fly fisher catching the most panfish will win the Carl Hanson trophy for their club. The fly fisher catching the longest fish of any species (mudfish anyone?) gets to keep the drawing of Carl Hanson for a year until next year's club-to-club contest.



Trout Creek Conservation Park is where Trout Creek meets the Hillsborough River. On Apple Maps the address is 12550 Morris Bridge Road, Thonotosassa. For more information about the park click [here](#) and [here](#).



Catch the most panfish and keep the Carl Hanson drawing for a year.

Check the leaders on the tournament chart below. Maybe you can take the lead in outing tournament trail in the bream and/or bass category.



This park has kayak slide in rollers



Fall colors in Florida? Yep. That's Bob Burkard on the left, David Redd on the right. The photo was taken at our 2023 outing.

### Leaders on the 2025 Outing Tournament Trail

Species	Winner	Length	Outing (Month)
Longest bream	Tim Elms	9-inches	Fresh and/or Salt (June)
Longest black bass	Bruce Evensen/Tim Elms	22-inches	Everglades (April)
Longest Peacock Bass	Tim Elms	18-inches	Everglades (April)
Longest redfish	Robert Mitchell	28-inches	Fresh and/or Salt (June)
Longest snook	Mark Hays	30-inches	Fresh and/or Salt (June)
Longest seatrout	Mike Nolan	20-inches	Lower Tampa Bay (May)
Longest ladyfish	Tony Piazza	18.5-inches	Weedon Island (January)

## Tim Elms: Caster Ready?

*(Editor's note: Member Tim Elms has been leading fly casting skill sessions in St. Petersburg for several weeks following the format established by Florida Cast Casting Games, a fly casting improvement competition created by one of the best fly casters and instructors, Florida's Joe Mahler.)*

Holy Toledo! The first ever St. Pete Open was held on October 4<sup>th</sup> in St. Pete!



*Casting Games founder Joe Mahler at the sign-in table.*

The FLA Casting Games have been goin' down on the west coast of Florida all year and we got to host the last of year right here in St. Pete.

I have been leading the "North Siders" with practice twice a week over the last month to get us ready for Mahler's Army from Sanibel. And, the "North Siders were PUMPED UP!" We ended up with about 20 casters, pretty much split between my team of the north and Joe's of the south.

The overall target casting champion winner was Tampa's own, Bryan Perry. Perry did exactly what he needed to do. Tying the high for the day on the targets and throwing a longer cast than David Redd to win the tie breaker for first. Congratulations to David Redd for Second Place overall and Scott Russel for 3<sup>rd</sup>. JAMES FREAKING Davis won the distance for the amateurs with a 101 ft cast! And a huge attaboy also goes to TBFFC's Leigh West for his amazing long-distance cast of 112-feet! (Leigh was in the Pro Division.)

Hosting this game was a blast and it could not have had such success without the commitment from our region. There's no reason we can't do official mini tournaments in our area moving forward. We will see ya at the Big Gun on November 16<sup>th</sup>! Thanks again JOE!

*Strip Strip Strip---Tim*



*On Saturday, October 4, we had 20-plus fly casters compete in the Florida Fly Cast Casting Games at Meadowlawn Park in St. Pete. About half were from the Sanibel-Fort Myers area and the other half were Suncoast Fly Fishers or members of the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club.*

## Wally Vidal: Fishing the Hooch



*Suncoast Fly Fisher Wally Vidal*

Through Atlanta, Georgia flows the well-known Chattahoochee River. It is also the river where I first began fly fishing on opening day of trout season in 1976.

Several times a year I travel back to Atlanta for business and I try to get on the river whenever I can. The area I fish is from I-285 bridge to I-75 bridge, the lower section of the trout waters. These waters heat up in the summer and several species other than trout inhabit the river and its tributaries.

A few weeks ago, I got another opportunity to fish the Hooch. I checked the website for the river levels only to discover the flow to be a little too high for wading. Damn. Fortunately, I had a plan B, Rottenwood Creek. Rottenwood Creek is a major tributary of the Hooch running south through Cobb County near the Atlanta Braves' stadium before meeting the river almost directly beneath I-75 and Akers Mill road.



*Colorful red breasted sunfish*

This is true urban fly fishing from the standpoint of location but once you are in the watershed, other than the sounds of the traffic overhead, you would not think so. The banks of Rottenwood Creek are steep, rocky and covered in abundant plant life. The stream is wide enough for me to cast my 8 ft. 4-wt. Winston rod without too much fear.

The fish available are all minis and all wild. The first I catch are the creek chubs that inhabit the deeper seam under a log along the edge of the bank. They fit in the palm of your hand and never pass up a meal!

Leaving the chubs and moving a little further downstream to a deep pool, I add an Olive Conehead Woolly Bugger as a dropper to the black nymph. The first cast results in a Red Breasted Sunfish on the nymph. On the next, a 9-inch long spotted bass eats the woolly bugger.



*Spotted Bass, King of the Creek*

That's it, I caught the king of the creek! Let's go home.

*Wally*

## Tony Piazza: Tight Line Euro Nymphing



Tony Piazza with one of the brown trout he caught euro-nymphing Penn's Creek.

I spent a day on Penn's Creek near Pennsylvania State College.

This was first try at tight line euro nymphing. I caught 15 brown trout from 10" to 17".

*Tony*



Above: That's Tony with a "camera shy" brown trout, one of 15 he caught.



Left: That's Tony's guide Brian who gave him a stream lesson on tight line nymphing.

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**Capt. Matt Foster**

Mark Hays: Where? Jungle Prada, of course.



Anne Mitchell reports that her dad caught several trout and three redfish fly fishing the Jungle Prada area in early October. He caught them on a white Bulkhead Deceiver.

Mark

Wally Vidal: Don't Pass on Blind Pass



Large Spanish Mackerel I caught today off of Blind Pass on Clouser and sinking line. 10 wt.

Bait schools are under attack.

Wally

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## Woody Miller: Everglades Mouse

(Original Pattern-Pinecone Mouse)

Member Woody Miller led fly tyers through the steps tying his Everglades Mouse fly at Bruce Evensen's fly tying studio on Monday, October 6. SFF members and guests are welcome to come and tie flies every Monday starting at 6 pm. Come early to get a good seat. No charge. Bruce's studio is next to his house at 531 80th Ave. N. St. Pete. Materials and vises are available if you need them



Bruce Evensen



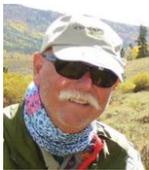
Bill Scarola



Body 1



Body 2



Woody Miller

### MATERIALS

**Hook:** Fulling Mill 6040 Streamer Stripper - 2/0 or similar

**Thread:** Semperfli Nano Silk Streamer 200D - White

**Tail:** Fulling Mill Super Suede Chenille - Medium - Tan

**Body 1:** Fulling Mill Cross Cut Rabbit Zonker Strips - Natural Brown

**Belly:** Fulling Mill Rabbit Zonker Strips - White

**Legs:** Loco Legs - Pink Shrimp

**Head 1:** Chicone's Fettuccine Foam - Rootbeer

**Head 2:** Chicone's Fettuccine Foam - Tan

**Head 3:** Chicone's Fettuccine Foam - Light Gray

**Head 4:** Chicone's Fettuccine Foam - White

**Head 5:** Chicone's Fettuccine Foam - Flesh

**Eyes:** Epoxy Mono Crab or Shrimp Eyes - Black

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Lay down a base of thread from hook eye to just down the bend in the hook. (Helps put the tail in the correct orientation)
2. Tie in the tail of Suede Chenille or a strip of rabbit fur (one less material to have around)
3. At the tie in point of the tail palmer your crosscut rabbit zonker to about over the point of the hook and secure with a couple of wraps of thread.
4. 4. Now it's time to tie in the rear legs! Take three strands of rubber legs (I prefer) some color of orange making sure that the three legs stay attached to each other.



Recently, one of Bruce's generous neighbors shared some of his liquid bounty. Our flies never looked so good. That's Tom DeBella behind the glass. (Hat tip: Jack Collins.)

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## P2/ Woody Miller: Everglades Mouse

### Tying steps, continued

5. Tie an overhand knot on each side of the legs about a 1/2" up from the end. This creates the ankles of the legs.
6. Tie these legs in where you stopped the rabbit zonker with the ankles about at the bend of the hook. Make sure that there is one leg on either side of the fly. Tie in a piece of white rabbit strip that will be used for the white underbelly of the mouse, let it hang until you finish the rest of the body.
7. Now continue to palmer the zonker forward to a point about 1/3 the distance back from the hook eye, tie off the zonker strip and cut the remaining material away, tie in the white rabbit strip and secure, this is where you will tie in the head. Bring the thread half way between the fur and the head.
8. The original pattern uses Chicone's Fettuccine Foam to form the head by stacking tan and brown foam cut into 1" pieces.
9. Take four strands of the foam in whatever colors you want (I prefer tan, light grey and black), align the ends and cut the entire bunch in half, then cut the bunch in half again. Stack them as best you can, I use a portion of a film canister cut down to make a stacker.
10. Now take four strands of white and cut them the same. Add these to the stack so that they form the white bottom that matches the white zonker. Take this stack of foam and slide it over the eye of the hook so that the white is on the bottom.
11. Hold the foam tightly and place two loose wraps around the bunch and while holding and squeezing them pull the thread towards you causing the foam to flair. Take another wrap and squeeze and pull tight, advance the thread forward weaving through the foam and squeeze and flair the foam again. Work the thread through the foam to the hook eye and whip finish.
12. Take the fly from the vise and turn upside down and cut the head flat on the bottom(white foam).
13. Put the fly back in the vise and begin to shape the head to form a head that gives the illusion of a mouse head (tapered from front to back).

At this point the fly is done although you can add eyes if you are inclined.

The second way to create a head is by spinning natural colored deer or elk hair, my preferred way since the foam is pretty tough to work with and saves me the addition of more fly materials to store. Hope this is a pattern that catches you as well as fish.

*Woody*

## Captain Pat Damico: Captain's Corner



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

**Subject:** Protect your gear

Protect your fly fishing equipment. After fishing, rinse the rod and reel with a fine spray of water from a hose, reduce the reel drag adjustment to minimal setting. Store the rod horizontally. When dry, strip the line that was used off the reel and clean with a towel soaked in warm water treated with non-detergent soap and dry with another towel. Apply line cleaner or dressing according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Remove the spool from the reel, clean, and lubricate lightly. Some reels do not require lubrication. If storing, remove each rod section and clean ferrules, making sure sand or dirt is removed. Place a very thin application of candle or ferrule wax on each male ferrule. When assembling, some have four or more pieces, align guides or dots off center and turn the same way to align properly. Start with the tip section. To disassemble, begin with the butt section, turning in the opposite direction as they separate and place in a sock then a rigid tube to prevent breakage. Occasionally, a light cleaning of rods with furniture polish will further protect the finish.

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***Readers: for future editions, please email me your Fly Casting related questions..... Capt. Pat***

## Gear for Sale

**Tim Elms is selling a fishing Stand Up Paddleboard with a trolling motor! Price reduced.**

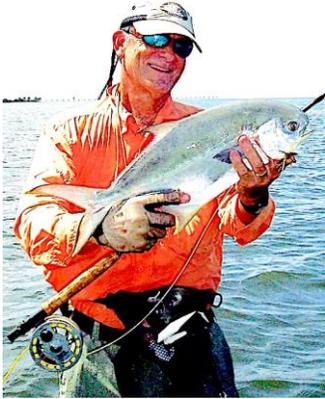
This is a Sea Eagle SUP 126 with swivel seat and trolling motor. All the accessories including the pump and pack. The only thing you will need is a 12V battery for the trolling motor.

For specs and comps look at one new on ebay Here: <https://ebay.us/m/ND9Zov>  
or watch how it works and looks on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGwbEjezxHE>

This SUP was sold to him used but it is in excellent condition. Tim has decided to keep fishing from shore like the maniac he is.

How much? \$550 or best offer for everything he has. Email Tim [tim@suncoastflyfishers.com](mailto:tim@suncoastflyfishers.com)

## Bill AuCoin: Flyfisher Flyover



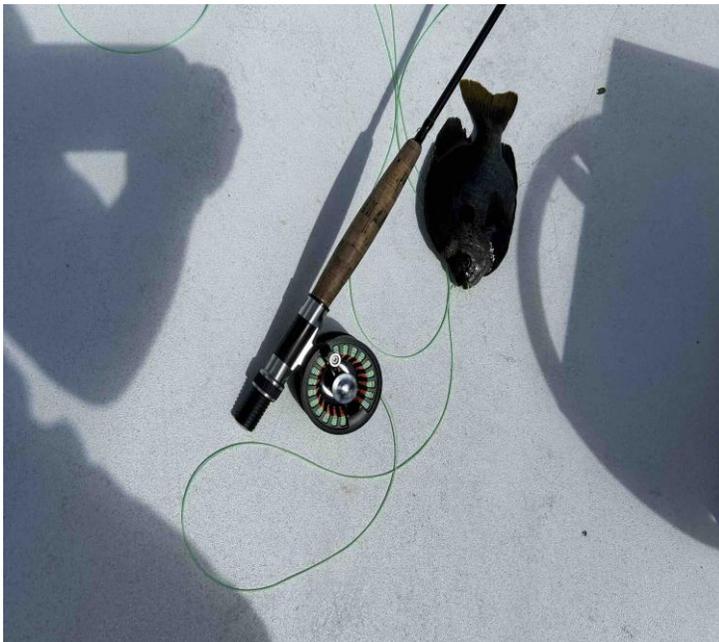
**A River Runs Through It** -- Yes. the movie. The recent death of Robert Redford brings attention to this movie and how it brought more people into the sport of fly fishing. Now there's a PBS documentary about the production of the movie way back in 1991. It's called "The Movie." ([Midcurrent](#))

**Tarpon is streaming on TV.** UYA Films presents the film called "TARPON" about how some well-known writers and a certain singer focused on catching tarpon in the keys way back when it was kind of a new thing. You'll recognize some of the names of the stars and "supporting" cast:: Jimmy Buffett, Thomas McGuane, Jim Harrison, Richard Brautigan, Gil Drake, Guy de la Valdene. ([Tarpon 1973](#))

**"Did I just spook that fish?"** -- So, what do fish actually see and hear? ([anglersportsman](#))

**You have permission to repair fly lines.** -- Member Jack Collins has called our attention to a new product on the market which lets you repair factory loops, coatings, and lines that break in half. It's an especially nice thing to have when you're on a fly fishing trip. ([Flylab Substack](#))

## Myron Hansen: Finding Time



Sunny Afternoon

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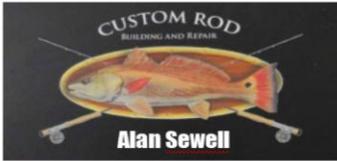
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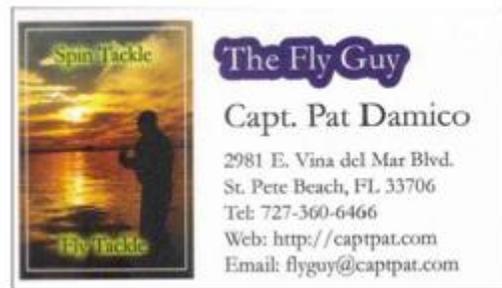


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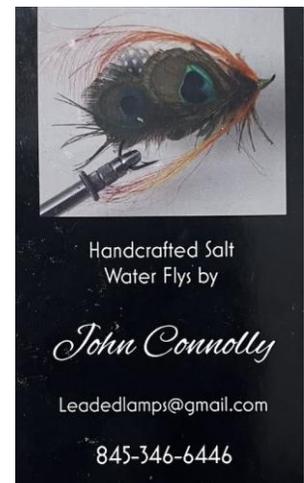
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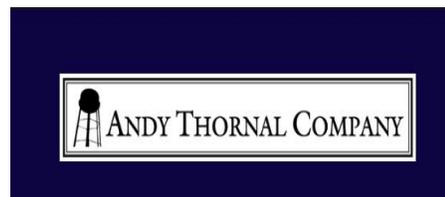
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