



*SFF President David Redd*

## President's Message -- February 2026

I first want to thank everyone who helped with the casting clinic the club held in January. Dayle Mazzarella and Tim Elms spent a great deal of time planning and setting up for the event, which was a great success.

Also, thank you to all the casting instructors who helped man the various casting stations and to Rick Warfel for manning the registration table. But a huge shout-out goes to club member Simon De Gagne who generously provided lunch for the 40 or so people who attended. Thank you Simon!

One of the goals of this clinic is to be able to easily replicate the clinic format so it can be used by other clubs and the Florida Council of FFI at regional events. Thanks again to Dayle who is still working on the details.

Get your tickets for the Hog Roast, it's going to be here soon. So mark your calendar for March 28th. Food, raffles, silent auctions and our guest speaker, Steve Huff. Steve is a legendary guide from the Florida Keys and a member of the IGFA Hall of Fame. Cliff Nigh has graciously donated a 7wt bamboo fly rod to be raffled off at the banquet, so be sure to get your raffle tickets for a chance to win this beautiful hand-made bamboo rod. The Hog Roast will be held at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Largo.

If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership. Renewals and Hog Roast tickets can be purchased on the club's website, at member meetings or by mail. Don't let your membership lapse and risk missing the Hog Roast and our speaker Steve Huff.

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