

# FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS

JANUARY 2015



*Educating, Restoring, Conserving through Fly Fishing*

**January 5th 2015 Meeting  
7<sup>PM</sup> at the Southpoint Marriott  
Jacksonville, FL**

**Fishing the Indian River  
Lagoon System**

**Presented by Captain Tom Van Horn**

**C**aptain Tom Van Horn is a native of Central Florida. He has spent a lifetime fishing the Mosquito and Indian River Lagoon systems. For the last 15 years he has worked as a professional fishing guide specializing in the in-shore and near-shore waters around the Indian River and Mosquito Lagoon. Tom is also a well know expert on fly fishing for shad on the St Johns River. He routinely offers seminars on fishing for Shad on the St Johns. His in-depth fishing reports for the Mosquito Lagoon and St Johns River can be found on his website: <http://www.irl-fishing.com>



Please join the First Coast Fly Fishers on Monday January 5th as we welcome Captain Tom Van Horn. He will be talking about fishing the Indian River Lagoon System; a fishery with secrets that are not easily unlocked. Tom will also be talking about fly fishing for Shad on the St Johns River. Shad will soon be making their spawning run up the River. You would be hard pressed to find another guide who is more dialed into the Shad migration up the river than Captain Van Horn.

It is time to **renew your membership** and **sign up for this year's banquet with Jon Cave!** At \$100 per year for an entire family, membership to the First Coast Fly Fishers is still the best deal in fly fishing. This this month's issue for a membership application form.

Our annual banquet will be Saturday, February 21st at the Southpoint Marriott. This year we are pleased to welcome world-renowned casting instructor and fly tyer Jon Cave. Jon is the inventor of the Cave Wobbler, the original spoon fly pattern.

**On the Cover:**

Dave and Rosemarie fishing the Intracoatal for redfish in mid-December. See Page 19 to catch a glimpse of what they caught.

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# First Coast Fly Fishers 2015 Board of Directors

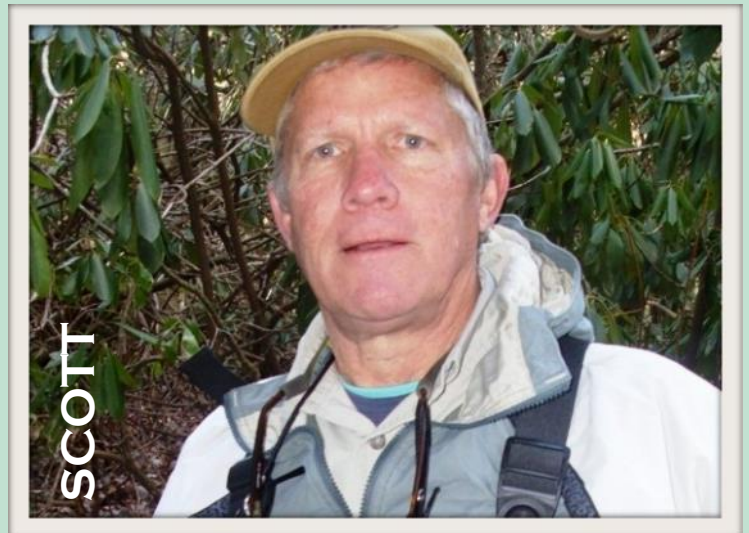
In September of last year the First Coast Fly Fishers assembled a committee comprised of **Dick Choate**, **Scott Shober**, **Dick Michaelson** and **Jason Sheasley**. Their task was to nominate candidates for the 2015 Board of Directors. Several of the 2014 Board members agreed to continue serving for another year, while others decided it was time to step down. With the nominees selected, the Club voted on the 2015 Board of Directors in October. The new Board of Directors officially takes over this month.

Since November, the newly elected Board, under the direction of President-Elect **Seth Nehrke**, has been planning for the upcoming year. **Scott Shober**, the Membership Chairman in 2014, is now Vice President of Programs, has been planning the monthly programs for 2015. **Jeff Bivins**, who is reprising his role as Outings Chairman has been checking the tide charts and planning the outings for this year. Returning Treasurer **Don Edlin** has prepared the Club's operating budget for 2015. Long-time member **Paul Hutchins** has joined the Board this year as Secretary. Similarly, **Mike Whiteman** will begin his tenure on the Board this year as Membership Chairman. Returning Board members **Buddy Price** and **Gavin Glover** will be co-chairing the Club's Education efforts this year. In addition to being Education Co-Chairman, **Gavin** assumes the role of Club Librarian this year. After handing over the books to Gavin, last year's Librarian **Richard Clark** will assume the role of Banquet Chairman in 2015. Two Board Members from years past, **Lee Hinrichs** and **Bob Connery**, will join the 2015 Board of Directors as At-Large Members.

Those members stepping down from the Board this year include: Past-President **Ryan Curley**, **Mike Harrigan** (Secretary), **Bart Isaac** (Education), **Ken Nimnich** (Banquet) and **Rich Santos** (At-Large).

The new Board of Directors will be officially "sworn in" at the Annual Banquet in February.

The next time you see any of our past or present Board Members, be sure to thank them and let them know how much you appreciate their dedication to the Club. The success of the First Coast Fly Fishers is due in no small part to individuals who volunteer to serve on the Board.





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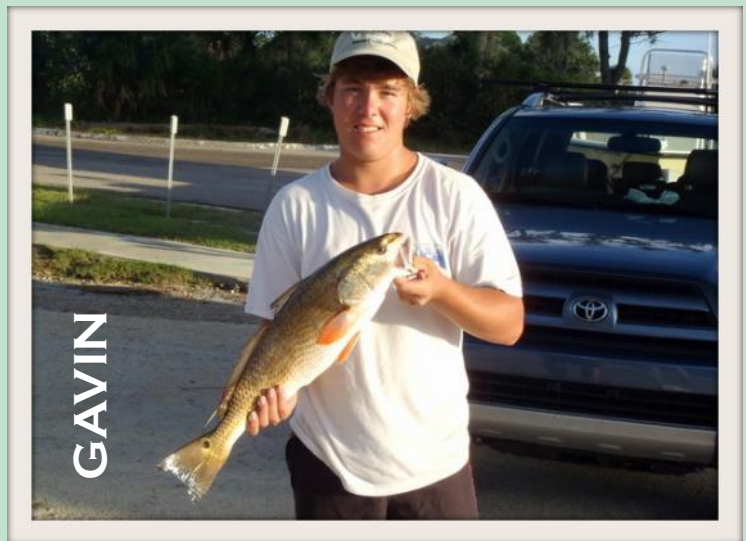
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# A Message from Incoming President Seth Nehrke

**A**s we move into a new year I would like to wish all of you a happy and prosperous year. We have much to be thankful for, and I would like to start by thanking Ryan Curley, our outgoing president, and the rest of the previous board for all their dedicated service and hard work in making the club what it is today. We must also not forget all those who came before and paved the way to allow us to get to where we are now. Lastly, I would like to thank the incoming board, I look forward to working together to help the club continue to grow and prosper.

For those who don't know me, my name is Seth Nehrke, and I am a yankee...born and raised in western New York state in the finger lakes region. I started fishing before I could remember, and started fly fishing at the ripe old age of 9. My father founded the Conhocton Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited, and from then on my brother, sister, and I were his best volunteers. We were "volun-told" to be a part of every restoration and clean-up project on the docket. It wasn't all bad, as we were exposed to some great fisherman, and then there were the donuts that accompanied every project.

After a childhood of fishing and hunting, I was off to the State University of New York at Binghamton where I earned a bachelors degree in Environmental Science and met my beautiful wife Amy. After a few years in the haz-mat remediation field I went back to school at Colorado State (Go Rams!!) where I earned a second bachelors and a masters in Civil Engineering. For the last 12 years I have been employed as a water resources engineer specializing in modeling, design, and permitting of projects ranging from single parcels to the Everglades Restoration Program.

After school we had a brief stint in Maryland, and then moved to Fort Lauderdale where I was introduced to saltwater fly fishing. It was love at first tug. These fish are big, fast, and *STRONG!* I have to say that my favorite two are tarpon and snook. Snook as they are such a wily gamefish, and you earn every one. Tarpon because I love that feeling of being just a little bit scared when you hook a big fish...hoping the line doesn't wrap around and sever an important body part!

After 5 years down south we moved to Jacksonville and immediately felt at home. The people here, especially those in the club, have been incredibly welcoming and have took us in and made us part of the FCFF family. When I am not chasing fishes I am chasing my two wonderful children, Benny (9) and Lilah Jane (6). We are doing our best to teach and impart upon them the values and traditions of being a part of and respecting the outdoors.

As incoming president I would like to expand the focus of the club in two ways. First, I would like to do more to engage the youth of the area, they are the future of the sport, and if they are not engaged in the outdoors, realizing its true beauty, then they will never be willing to truly fight to protect it. Secondly, I would like to engage the resources of the club and take more of a community service stand. I would like to engage the club in some clean-up activities so we can help give back and protect the resource that has given so much to all of us. And in closing, I would like to thank all of you, the members, friends, and supporters of the First Coast Fly Fishers. Without your continued support and dedication to enriching the world through fly fishing we would never be where we are today. Thanks to all of you, and I am looking forward to a great year!





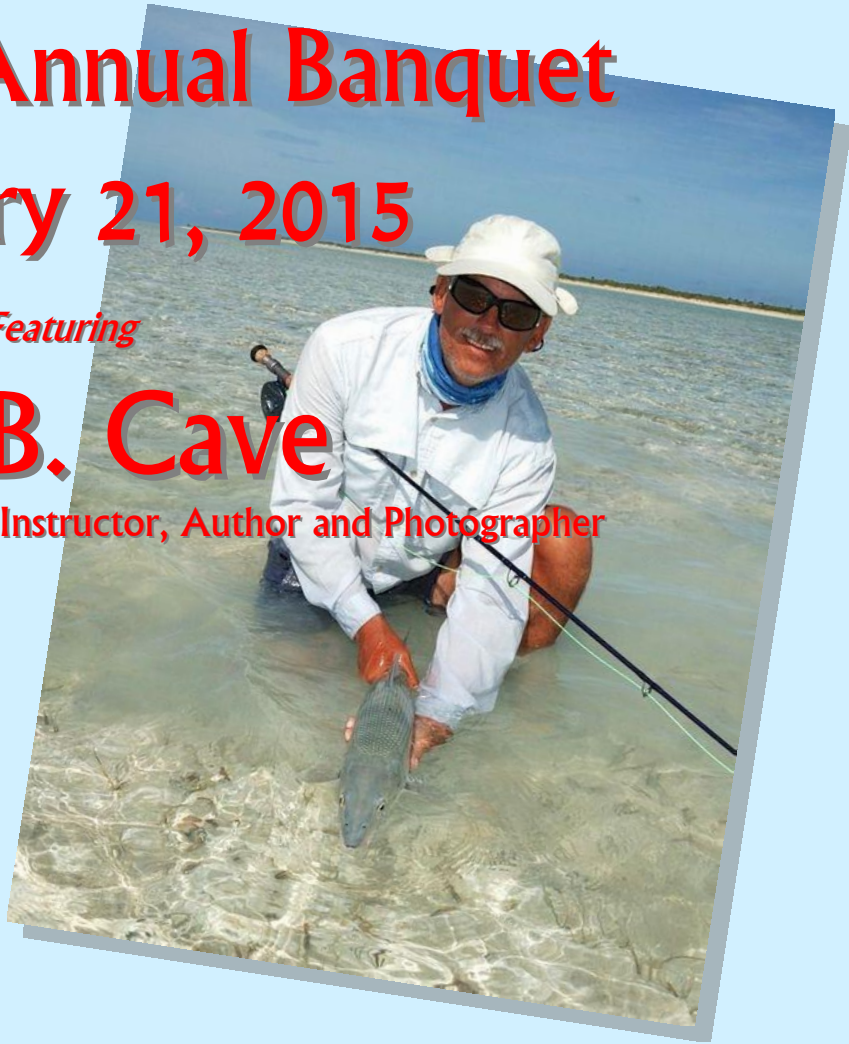
# FCFF 2015 Annual Banquet

## February 21, 2015

Featuring

# Jon B. Cave

World Renowned Fly Casting Instructor, Author and Photographer



**P**lease join the First Coast Fly Fishers as we welcome world renowned fly casting instructor, innovative fly tyer, author and photographer Jon B. Cave ([jonbcaveflyfishing.com](http://jonbcaveflyfishing.com)). Jon is an author/photographer/lecturer and a USCG licensed guide. He has been a professional fly casting and fly tying instructor for over 25 years and is the founder of the longest established fly-fishing school in the South. Jon has taught thousands of students and trained guides at various international locations. Jon's credentials include an

M.S. Degree in Natural Resources with special concentration in fisheries. He is a member of the Team Sage Advisory Staff, Rio Advisory Staff, Team Tibor, and Umpqua 's Contract Tyer Program. Jon also serves as a consultant for several fly-fishing related products including Heritage Kayaks. His articles, casting tips, and photographs have been featured in most major fly fishing publications. Furthermore, Jon is the author of the books *Fly-Fishing Odyssey*, *The Pursuit of Great Gamefish* and *Performance Fly Casting: An Illustrated Guide*.

**O**n **Saturday morning from 9 am to noon**, Jon and David Lambert will be presenting a casting clinic at M & M Dairy. Jon and David will discuss and demonstrate techniques for making fundamental changes to your cast that will increase distance and accuracy. Additionally, members will have an opportunity to have Jon conduct a video analysis of their cast.

**T**he FCFF's Annual Banquet will be held at the Southpoint Marriott on **Saturday night from 6 to 10 PM**. Dinner will be served at 7 PM. During the banquet Jon will be giving a presentation on *Fly Fishing the Southeastern United States*. The cost for the banquet is **\$35 per person for paid members**. Paid members who attend the banquet will receive a ticket for the **Grand Prize Drawing to win a Tibor Back Country CL Reel**.

**T**his year's banquet will include several thousand dollars in fly fishing auction and raffle items; including fly rods, reels, guide trips and fly fishing art work and other fly fishing essentials. More items are being added every week. Discounted raffle tickets will be available prior to the banquet at a rate of 8 tickets for \$30. At the banquet, raffle tickets will be available for \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20.

**F**or more information contact Banquet Director Richard Clark at [clarkowitz@bellsouth.net](mailto:clarkowitz@bellsouth.net) or incoming President Seth Nehrke at [NehrkeSM@gmail.com](mailto:NehrkeSM@gmail.com). Additional information is also available on our web site - [www.fcff.org](http://www.fcff.org) and Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/FirstCoastFlyFishers>.





# FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS 2015 ANNUAL BANQUET

6:00 PM Saturday, February 21, 2015

Southpoint Marriott  
4670 Salisbury Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32256

## MENU

Choice of Entrée:

Or *Bronzed Chicken Francaise in Citrus  
Butter Sauce Choice of Starch &  
Vegetable*

*Seared Salmon with Sesame Ginger  
Glaze Choice of Starch & Vegetable*

Entrees include House Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Iced and Hot Tea Service  
Chef's Selection of Dessert

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:

FCFF BANQUET  
PO BOX 16260  
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MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE No. \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY

AMOUNT

\_\_\_\_\_ Member Banquet Ticket - \$35 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member Banquet Ticket - \$135 plus \$35 each additional person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Non-Member Banquet Ticket Includes Membership Dues)

Select Entrée Choice

\_\_\_\_\_  *Bronzed Chicken Francaise in Citrus Butter Sauce Choice  
of Starch & Vegetable*

\_\_\_\_\_  *Seared Salmon with Sesame Ginger Glaze  
Choice of Starch & Vegetable*

\_\_\_\_\_  *If you have special dietary needs that make the forgoing entrees  
unsuitable, check this box someone will be in touch about your  
needs*

\_\_\_\_\_ Raffle Tickets - 8 for \$30 (Must buy advanced raffle tickets in increments  
of 8) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash

Check - Check N<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_



# FCFF Fly of the Year



If you are a fly tyer, here is your chance for immortality. The First Coast Fly Fishers will be awarding the prize for the **Fly of the Year** at the Annual Banquet in February. Got a fly pattern you developed that has been particularly productive? Submit your fly to be considered for the **Fly of the Year Contest**.

To be considered for the **Fly of the Year** submit the following to Mike Head:

- ◆ Three flies
- ◆ Written instructions for tying the fly. Include the name of the fly with your recipe
- ◆ Relevant notes about the fly, e.g. how it is to be fished; target species; variations, etc.
- ◆ A photograph with a fish caught using the fly pattern.

The fly must be an original pattern. The pattern may be a variation of an existing fly pattern. However, there must be a substantial difference between the original pattern and the variant. Note: changing the color scheme of the pattern is not considered a substantial variation from the original pattern.

Questions contact Mike Head at: [flytier326@aol.com](mailto:flytier326@aol.com)



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# Twenty Questions with... David Lambert, Master Casting Instructor



## 1. Where are you originally from and how long have you lived in the Jacksonville-Area?

My family was from Louisville, KY. I was born in Atlanta. My grandparents moved to Florida in the 40s, to Punta Gorda, then Boca Raton. My folks moved to Jacksonville in 1955; the Beaches in 1962.

## 2. What is your profession?

I'm a schooled writer and editor; that's been my main vocation. Right now I'm editing *The Loop*, an international journal for professional fly casters and casting instructors. I like to work with my hands, I like to build, like working outside. I've been fixing homes for four decades (mostly for my family and mostly at the Beach). I started teaching fly casting in 1996 and have done quite a bit of that professionally, although it's mostly avocation.

## 3. Tell us a little something about your family?

I'm married to Annie Lambert, been together since 1978. She's a teacher, autistic kids and kids who need extra attention. Two sons, Pete and Geoff -- both grown. Pete's an IT guy for Marker 32, North Beach Fish Camp and the others in that group. He fixes phones and laptops, too. He wants to also get a nursing degree. Geoff's a semi-pro skateboarder and surfer. An active guy. He fishes three times a week. Usually backcountry. Both good guys who've carved their own niches. We have a dog, Stella, a runt nebolish mastiff -- mix of boxer and English

mastiff. A sweet dog with a wanky jaw and an exposed tongue that can carry full pine needles at times.

## 4. How long have you been fly fishing?

I can't remember not fishing, from local piers with my Granny to pulling seines in front of our house. Flyfishing? Exclusively since the mid 90s, but I fly-fished since I was a teen every summer in Northern Wisconsin. We vacationed at my uncle's place in the North Woods, Paul Bunyan country. It had a trout stream wandering through the property. I was really excited to find guys like John Bottko and Randy Lanier and Lee Hinrichs who were doing it in the salt.

## 5. Who are your heroes or who do you admire most?

I don't really have conventional heroes. I admire altruism, people who gives back, who walk the walk. I admire independent thinkers and inventors. I admire tinkerers and piddlers; there aren't enough them these days. I admire anyone who has the curiosity to put down the electronics and pick up a tool, a pencil, a musical instrument or an artist's brush and wonder, 'Can I make something with this? Or, how does this thing work?'

## 6. Where is your favorite place to fish?

I suppose the Prairie River in North Central Wisconsin. An idyllic small stream that wanders through prairie land and



second-growth forests. I admire most waters, especially when I'm fishing them. I love my river in North Florida. That's where I fish mostly these days.

**7. With what person (living or dead) would you like to spend a day on the water?**

Gary Borger, Jim Green. Joe Brooks. Actually, I love to fish with my buddy Dick Michaelson.

**8. Aside from the obvious (rod, reel and flies) what piece of fly fishing gear do you consider essential to have with you on the water?**

These days, reading glasses, then a hemostat with built-in scissors and an hook-eye cleaner. Stream Works make one, so does Orvis, I think.

**9. What is your "go-to" fly?**

Probably a Clouser type or a bendback. I like simple flies. Cold water? The standard Adams variant, BWOs or sulphurs, pheasant tails, hare's ears, woolly buggers.

**10. What is your favorite fish to catch on a fly rod.**

Smallies, smallmouth bass. And I love false albies, but I don't target them much.

**11. If they made a movie about your life, what would the title be and what actor would play you?**

*You Should've Been Here Yesterday*, starring Casey Affleck, Ben's younger and more talented brother, or Gary Sinese.

**12. What is the last book you read?**

I read a couple at a time: I've just finished *The Trouble with Poetry*, by Billy Collins; *The Naked and The Dead*, Mailer; and *An Army At Dawn*, a Pulitzer winner by Rick Atkinson. I'm reading *Beyond the Hundredth Meridian* by Wallace Stegner, *Gill Net Games*, one of four by St. Augustine writer and fly guy M.W. Gordon; and *10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Calvin and Hobbes* (with annotation by Bill Waterson).

**13. What is on your iPod (i.e. what kind of music do you listen to)?**

I listen to different stuff sort of cyclically, pretty much all music except for pop and rap. I like real country (not the Nashville stuff), 40s stuff, swing, jazz, good rock, folk, texas/country. I like the singers-songwriters, too, and classical. I have a fair classical library. Been revisiting John Hiatt and Guy Clark recently. And Amy Winehouse. And some old Neil Young.

**14. How may fly rods do you own?**





A lot, dozens likely. Haven't counted in awhile.

**15. What is your favorite guilty pleasure?**

I spend too much time on social media.

**16. What is your idea of a perfect day on the water?**

I'm not too picky about where I fish or what I fish for. My perfect day would include a couple of decent fish, lots of nature, and a couple good friends. It would be punctuated by a day's end -- firelight orangin' on treebark, a good dog laying around somewhere, and a few sets of feet pointed toward the heat, with steam coming from the socks. Conversation. Laughter.



**17. Which talent or skill would you most like to have?**

I'd like to play guitar well, but I'm working on it. I'd also like to learn to work in watercolors. I've tried it a bit, but I'd like to do it for real. I can't carve out the time right now.

**18. If you could travel back in time, what year would you visit and why?**

I'd like to have been around for the Lewis & Clark expedition -- the charting of middle and Western America. Think of what they saw, the open spaces, the waterways, the primal forests. No noise, no crowds, no pollution. Think of the wonder of being



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the some of the first white eyes to see this spectacular land.

**19. What is your most treasured possession?**

My wife and kids, family. I don't care that much about material stuff. I do have a photobook of John Steinbeck my uncle took when they toured the Greek Isles in a schooner after Steinbeck won the Nobel in literature. I'd really hate to lose that.

**20. What was the most significant moment of your life thus far?**

I was there to 'catch' both sons as they popped into this world. I remember them being these perfectly blank slates, knowing nothing but the sound of their mother's heartbeat, having felt nothing but her fluids and pulse. I remember thinking "Wow, these guys have everything to learn; literally every thing they sense will be for the first time." I remember thinking how astonishing that would be for an adult, to see, hear, and feel every thing as some new thing. Some days I still try to look at one thing as though I were seeing it for the first time. It's harder than you think to do, too.

**Bonus Question: Who is the best fly caster you've ever known?**

I appreciate casters who are good fishermen. Jon Cave's really good. Mac Brown is spectacular in his environment. Hard to say without some contextual framing, really.



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# Time to Renew Your Membership

It is that time of year again. Time to make resolutions to fish more. Time to plan that fishing trip you have always wanted to go on. And time to renew your membership to the First Coast Fly Fishers. At \$100 a year for an entire family it is the best value in fly fishing. Take a moment and consider all that you are getting for your membership dues:

- ✓ Monthly meetings with some of the most respected fly fishing guides, outfitters and outdoorsmen in the Southeast.
- ✓ Monthly outings to fish and learn our local waters.
- ✓ Free fly casting lessons with certified Casting Instructors.
- ✓ Free fly tying classes.
- ✓ Quarterly casting clinics with the likes of Bob Clouser, David Lambert, Mac Brown and Bruce Richards at no additional charge.

- ✓ Buster the Bream Hound
- ✓ Monthly newsletter crammed packed with all the fly fishing news that if fit to print.
- ✓ Annual Banquet with the likes of Jon Cave, Stu Apte, Lefty Kreh, Bob Clouser and thousands of dollars in raffle and auction items.
- ✓ Chances to meet and rub elbows with some of the best guides in northeast Florida
- ✓ Educational programs for young and old.
- ✓ A Club full of folks willing to go fishing with you.

We made some slight changes to the membership application this year. On the first page of the application we have added a space for you to include relevant medical information. Provide as much (or as little) information you feel comfortable sharing with the Club. At a minimum, **we are asking all new and renewing members add an Emergency Contact Person to their profile.** This is the person the Club should contact in the event a medical emergency arises at a meeting or outing.

The revised membership application is included on the next two pages. It does not matter whether you are a new member or a long-time member, we are asking everyone to complete and sign the membership application so we can update our database.

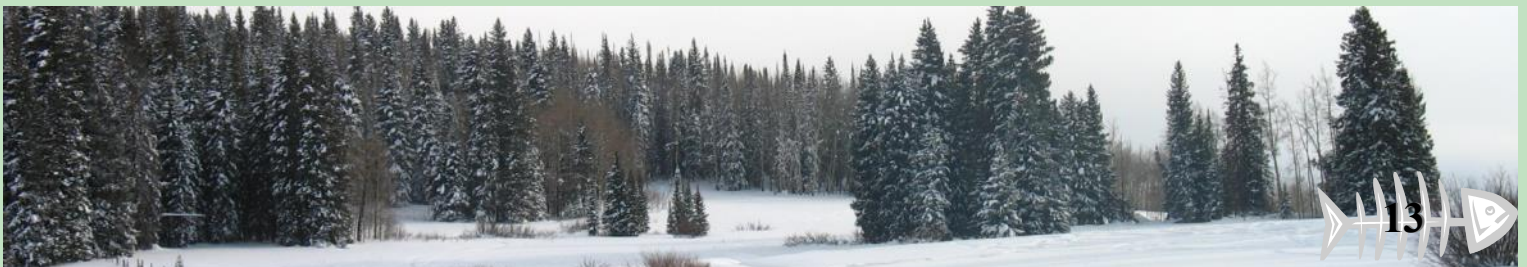


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New       Renewal       Youth/Student

**Member Information** (If renewing, only complete the information that has changed)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Age) of Fly Fishing Children \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check this box if you do not use or have access to email.

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information:**

Blood Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications? \_\_\_\_\_

Any Current Medical Conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Who or what influenced you most to take up fly fishing and/or join FCFF? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues**

Annual Club Membership is \$100 and includes all family members. Please make checks payable to:  
*First Coast Fly fishers* *Please Return Application To:*

**Payment Type**

Check - Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cash

First Coast Fly Fishers  
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 Jacksonville, FL 32245-6260

**Fly Fishing Experience**

*Overall Fly Fishing Background*

Please rate your overall fly fishing experience by checking the appropriate boxes

Freshwater       Saltwater       Both Fresh/Saltwater  
 Beginner       Moderate       Advanced

*Casting Proficiency*

Please rate your casting proficiency

Beginner - Little or no experience, or would like to learn the basics of fly casting  
 Intermediate - Know the basic principals and would like to improve accuracy and/or distance  
 Advance - Able to accurately cast an 8-wight line 60-feet with relative ease.  
 Instructor - Professional fly casting instructor and/or guide.

*Fly Tying*

Fly tying is not a critical element of fly fishing; but, it is fun and rewarding. Rate your fly tying experience

Non-tyer       Beginner       Intermediate       Advanced or Professional Tyer

Boat

Please provide information regarding whether or not you own a boat, kayak or canoe

Boat Owner  
 Make \_\_\_\_\_ Type/Size \_\_\_\_\_

I do not own a boat

Club Participation

FCCF is a not for profit club. Its success relies solely on its members who serve on the board; plan outings/events; and conducting special activities. Please indicate any areas of interest you are willing to provide assistance. Please be assured we are happy to have you as a member regardless of your level of participation.

<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Instruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Instruction
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation/Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Take a new member fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Table
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Casting Instruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Outings
<input type="checkbox"/> Selling Ads	<input type="checkbox"/> Greeting Guests	

Suggestions

We are always open to suggests on how to improve our club. Your suggestions are always welcomed.

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What suggests do you have for programs and monthly meetings (Topics and Speakers)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What suggests do you have for club outings (where to go, what to fish for)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are a renewing member, what could be done differently to better satisfy your fly fishing interests?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Application and Release (You must sign this release in order to become a member)**

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership or renewal in the First Coast Flyfishers (FCFF) Club of Jacksonville, Florida, Inc. I understand the inherent risk in participating in the activities of FCFF, including fishing trips of one day or longer. I further understand that I am solely responsible for all costs of medical treatment and transportation.

I, release, indemnify, and hold harmless, FCFF, its officers, directors and members against any and all claims for personal injury, disease, death and property damage or loss that may arise out of, or be connected in any way with, any FCFF activity. I assume the risk of undertaking all FCFF activities, including related to travel.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*If this is a youth membership, a parent or guardian must sign. If you are signing for a youth member:*

Print your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

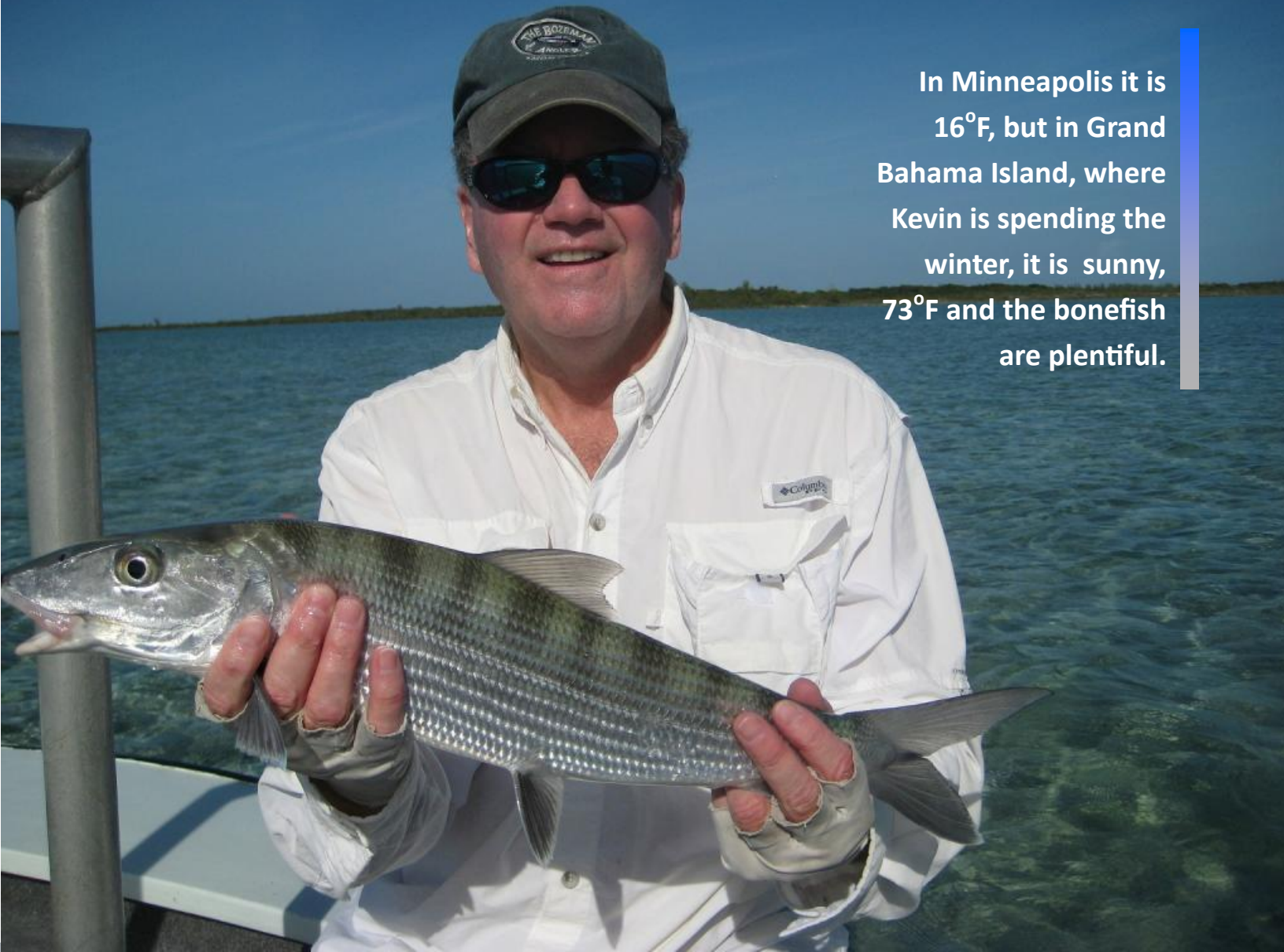




“Soon after I embraced the sport of angling I became convinced that I should never be able to enjoy it if I had to rely on the cooperation of the fish.”

-Sparse Grey Hackle  
*Fishless Days, Angling Nights (1971)*

In Minneapolis it is  
16°F, but in Grand  
Bahama Island, where  
Kevin is spending the  
winter, it is sunny,  
73°F and the bonefish  
are plentiful.





# St. Johns River Reef Project

*JACKSONVILLE, FL* – It is not often that the downtown area of a U.S. city is the backdrop for a new reef, but that is exactly where the next marine habitat project funded by Coastal Conservation Association Florida (CCA Florida) and the CCA national marine habitat program will splash down. Two new fishing reefs have been created less than half a mile from the I-95 Bridge over the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville.

The total cost of the project is \$60,000 and the Jacksonville Chapter of CCA Florida has committed to raising 50 percent of the necessary funding. The Building Conservation Trust, CCA's national habitat program which has garnered support from country music star Kenny Chesney and Costa Sunglasses among others, has donated the remaining \$30,000 to the Jacksonville reefing project.

“Costa asked me what I wanted to do with the money raised through our sunglasses last year, and I told them I'd like what we do to be something that renews the waterways, so people can enjoy them the way so many of my friends and fans do,” said Chesney. “To protect the oceans, bays and rivers is our responsibility – and I'm glad we can make a difference in the St. John River.”

“It is a unique opportunity to create some valuable marine habitat in a place where the public has unparalleled access,” said Payton Scheppe, a CCA Florida volunteer who has spearheaded the project. “This is an area of the river where an amazing variety of fish can be found depending on the time of year, right here in the shadow of high-rise office buildings. What a great place to introduce people to marine conservation and to recreational angling.”

The effort to place two reefs, each roughly 200 feet by 200 feet, in the St. Johns River has attracted widespread support. The City of Jacksonville has embraced the idea and has handled all the permitting requirements for the reefs. Among the volunteers working for the habitat enhancement is the former chairman of the Florida Fish

and Wildlife Commission, Kathy Barco. The deployment will consist of more than 25,000 cubic feet of concrete rubble will be placed in each of the two sites.

“The material is going to be carefully arranged so that there will be no issues with clearance from the surface, but there will be areas with three to four feet of relief from the bottom intermixed with open spaces to create an ideal habitat for fish,” said Scheppe. “The area now is basically just an open sandbar so the transformation is going to be fascinating.”

Taking advantage of the opportunity to study the development of an artificial reef habitat right in its own backyard, Jacksonville University has announced it will study the reefs over the next two years to gauge the impact of the structures on the surrounding area.

“Our members love to fish and they make it a point of pride to give something back to the resource so that others can enjoy it, too,” said Charles Holt, another CCA volunteer working on the project. “This is perhaps the most unique habitat project we've ever been part of, and we hope the people of Jacksonville will come take advantage of it.”



Click the image above, or type the following address in your web browser to view a 6 minute video on the creation of the artificial reef: <http://youtu.be/GGHId3ro-sw>



## WINTERTIME REDS

In the wintertime, redfish can often be found schooling in the mudflats at low tide like these two Dave and Rosemarie took from the Intracoastal in mid-December.







**Happy  
New Year**



This Month's Outing...

# Saturday January 31st

## Cedar Point Low Tide

Originally, the Club planning to fish the lower St Johns River this month for shad. However, circumstances beyond our are preventing us from doing so. So, we are switching to Plan B.

The first outing of 2015 will be held at Cedar Point on Saturday, January 31st. We fished Cedar Point several times last year during the flood tides. However, this time we will be fishing the low tide, which is at noon. Depending on how long you want to spend on the water, you will have an excellent opportunity to fish both the incoming and outgoing tides. Best of all, you don't need to get up at o'dark-thirty to do it. If you want to fish the outgoing tide, plan to be on the water between 9:30 and 10:00 AM.

The cold weather has killed off the algae so the water

should be relatively clear. As a result, the fish will be spooky. Small shrimp and minnow will be the order of the day. Foxtail Clousers tied with 1/60 or 1/40 oz. eyes will be ideal. The fish will likely be schooling on the mud flats. Chances are you will only get one or two shots at the school before the fish scatter. So limit your false casting and make your casts count.

Plan to join us after the outing at the Cedar Point boat ramp for hamburgers and hot dogs.

If you'd like to participate in the outing please contact Jeff Bivins at [outings@fcff.org](mailto:outings@fcff.org) so he can get a head-count for the BBQ. If you do not have a boat and want to participate in the outing, Jeff will make sure you can join one of the other participants.





# January 2015 Tides Mayport, Florida (Bar Pilot Dock)

Date	Time	Height	Date	Time	Height	Date	Time	Height
1/1/2015	Thu 5:36 AM	5 H	1/11/2015	Sun 12:21 PM	4.2 H	1/21/2015	Wed 9:22 PM	4.7 H
1/1/2015	Thu 11:28 AM	-0.1 L	1/11/2015	Sun 6:18 PM	0.4 L	1/22/2015	Thu 3:01 AM	-1.4 L
1/1/2015	Thu 5:54 PM	4.3 H	1/12/2015	Mon 12:52 AM	4.1 H	1/22/2015	Thu 9:51 AM	5.3 H
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