

FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS

FEBRUARY 2017



Educating, Restoring, Conserving through Fly Fishing

FCFF Meeting
7^{PM} February 6, 2017 - Southpoint Marriott

**Fly Tying and Fishing
the Indian River System
With
Captain Bill Sherer**

Don't miss February's speaker, Captain Bill Sherer of Northern Wisconsin and Titusville, Florida. Bill is a professional fly fishing guide and IFFF master fly tyer. During the summer, spring and fall, Bill lives and guides from Boulder Junction, Wisconsin. Bill has guided for 41 years in and around the Great North Woods and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He specializes in musky and pike on the fly, but hunts trout and other species as well. During the hard Wisconsin winters, Bill comes to Titusville, where he guides for the season in the Indian River System and the Lagoons, then returns to the North Woods in spring. Bill is an innovative fresh and saltwater tyer. He will be demonstrating how to tie some of his most recent (and productive) creations.



This month the Club is honored to have Captain Bruce Chard as the guest speaker for our annual banquet on February 18th. Bruce has been guiding anglers to bonefish, permit and tarpon out of the lower Florida Keys since 1992. In addition to logging upward of 220 days a year on the water, Bruce is the host of popular fly fishing schools and adventure trips for bonefish, tarpon, permit, GT's and sailfish throughout the Florida Keys, Bahamas, Belize, Mexico, Christmas Island and Guatemala. Tickets for the banquet are \$40 per person.

If you have not done so already, now is time to renew your annual membership to the First Coast Fly Fishers. At \$100 per year for a family membership, the FCFF is still the best deal in fly fishing. Free casting lessons, fly tying programs, monthly outings and informative programs all for one low price. Fill out the membership application and bring it with you to the meeting. Board members will be on-hand to process your renewal. You can pay for your membership by credit card, check or good old fashion cash. If you choose to pay by credit card you will be charged a \$3 processing fee to offset the use of the credit card reader.

On the Cover:

**Dick Michaelson with a redbelly.
Photograph by Burt Froehlich**

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Registration for Paddle Craft in Florida

Compiled By Jason C. Sheasley

The Non-Motorized Boat Working Group of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Boating Advisory Council will be meeting on February 1 and 2, 2017 to discuss registration (and fees) for non-motorized boats including canoes, kayaks and paddle boards.

The notion of registering non-motorized water craft in Florida is nothing new. Similar proposals have been floated before, and each was strongly opposed small boat owners. The current proposal for small boat registration started in 2015, when the FWC created the working group to evaluate boater access to water and the feasibility of implementing a *user pay/user benefit* system. The *user pay/user benefit* model has been around since the 1930s and is at the very core American outdoor conservation efforts. Quite simply, the model states, that if a sportsman wants access to public lands or waters they have the responsibility to fund the management and conservation of the resource. This is accomplished primarily through license and excise taxes.

During the February meeting the group will examine the user pay concept and how it may apply to Florida. The *Orlando Sentinel* quoted Captain Thomas Shipp, a wildlife commission safety-unit leader for boating, as saying that the user pay concept is in play in other areas of natural resource management, including fishing licenses. "You have to pay for that because you get the benefit of the fish" he said.

Ohio has had non-motorized boat regulations in place for several years. One objective of the working group during the upcoming meeting is to evaluate the Ohio model to determine the feasibility of applying similar concepts to Florida. In Ohio, registration is required for every recreational boat including powerboats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, pedal boats and inflatable boats. For canoes, kayaks and other hand-powered vessels, the triennial registration fees range from \$20 to \$25.

According to the Marine Industries Association of Florida, 867, 463 recreational boats were registered in Florida in 2014. In 2015, the gross retail sales of boats and related products was \$4.9 billion. The total economic

impact to Florida that same year was estimated at \$15.3 billion.

Proponents of the proposed registration suggest that with the popularity of kayaks and other paddle craft on the rise in the State of Florida, it is important to quantify the number of boaters for safety reasons and to help defray the costs for law enforcement, search and rescue, access to water and safety education. In short, registration is necessary to better manage resources. However, opponents suggest that this is nothing more than a massive money grab. When compared to motorboats, the impact to resources by motorless craft is minimal. Canoeists and kayakers do not require costly amenities like boar ramps, large parking lots and dredged waterways. Others would be amenable to a nominal registration fee if the revenue would benefit non-motorized boating. However, there no guarantee that lawmakers would honor this approach.

Since a large percentage of club members fish from canoes and kayaks, we will continue to monitor the State's approach toward requiring registration for non-motorized watercraft.



Everglades Camping, Trip of a Lifetime

As Told By Bryan Limsang

Recently, Captains Peter Lopez and Bryan Limsang ventured to Everglades National Park for a spontaneous fishing and camping trip. They headed deep into the Everglades, miles from civilization, and set up camp on one of the chickees. After making camp and meeting father and daughter who would be sharing the chickee with them, Peter and Bryan decided to get in a little fishing before darkness set in.

They fished the nearby mangroves a couple hundred yards from their shelter. It wasn't long before they came to the realization that the night's dinner would be com-

ing from cans that evening. It was then that out of the corner of his eye Bryan saw movement in the mangroves. It took a while for Bryan to register what he saw; a giant Burmese python.

The python began swimming toward their skiff. Peter and Bryan quickly fashioned a crude weapon by tying a knife on the end of a push pole. While Bryan maneuvered the boat, Peter took point to prevent the snake from crawling aboard. For nearly an hour and a half Captain Lopez repeatedly stabbed and slashed the aggressive snake until it was finally decapitated.

The two captains tied a rope around what was left of the snake's head and motored back to the chickee. The father and daughter campers occupying the other half of the chickee stood in disbelief upon seeing the large snake being pulled behind the boat. When they pulled the Burmese python out of the water, everyone was shocked when they realized it was nearly 17 feet long!

That night, the captains tied the snake in a nearby tree



The 17-foot long Burmese python killed by Captains Lopez and Limsang

on the chance that it might attract other predators in the middle of the night.

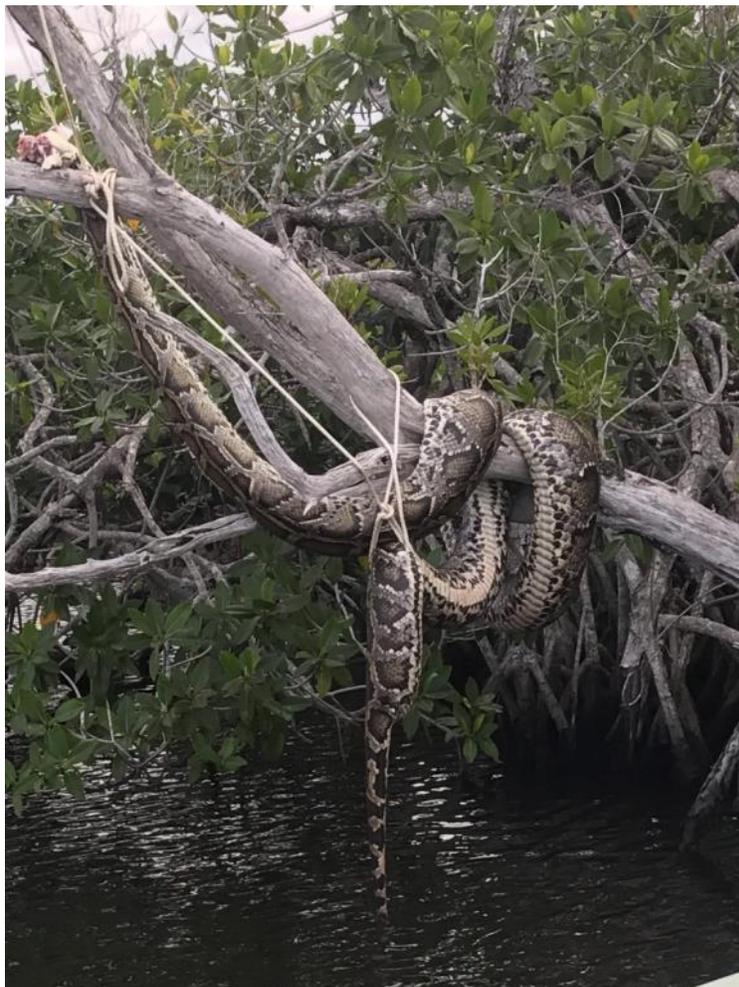
The next morning, Peter and Bryan, along with the snake wrapped around the center console, headed back to the dock and managed to catch some fish along the way.

Congratulations and thanks to Captains Lopez and Lim-sang for helping to eradicate this invasive species from the Everglades.

Editors Note: This story originally appeared on the website Skiff Life. To read Captain Limsan's original account go to: <http://www.skifflife.com/2685710/everglades-camping-a-trip-of-a-lifetime/>

Below Left: Sharing the boat with a big snake.

Below Right: The dispatched python hangs in a tree overnight.





The First Coast Fly Fishers Big Year Fly Fishing Challenge

The FCFF Big Year Fly Fishing Challenge is off to a grand start. Thus far, about a dozen members have submitted fish to be scored. A total of 19 different species of fish (15 freshwater and 4 saltwater) have been caught. This includes six different species of bream. A total of 24 fish have been caught by the Challenge participants.

The most unusual fish recorded was posted by Rob Benardo. He managed to catch a brown hoplo while fishing for shad at the C.S. Lee boat ramp. As a matter of fact, most of the fish recorded by members were caught south of the C.S. Lee while shad fishing.

The 19 fish species that have been caught so far include:

- ▶ American Shad *Alosa sapidissima*
- ▶ Hickory Shad *Alosa mediocris*
- ▶ Bluegill *Lepomis macrochirus*
- ▶ Crappie *Pomoxis nigromaculatus*
- ▶ Flier *Centrarchus macropterus*
- ▶ Largemouth Bass *Micropterus salmoides*
- ▶ Needlefish *Xenentodon*
- ▶ Redbreast Sunfish *Lepomis auritus*
- ▶ Sailfin Catfish *Pterygoplichthys multiradiatus*
- ▶ Warmouth *Lepomis gulosus*
- ▶ Striped Bass *Morone saxatilis*
- ▶ Golden Shiner *Notemigonus crysoleucas*
- ▶ Brown Hoplo *Hoplosternum littorale*

- ▶ Spotted Sunfish "Stumpknocker" *Lepomis punctatus*
- ▶ Redear Sunfish *Lepomis microlopus*
- ▶ Bluefish *Pomatomus saltarix*
- ▶ Redfish *Sciaenops ocellatus*
- ▶ Seatrout *Cynoscion nebulosus*
- ▶ Ladyfish *Bodianus Rufus*

The objective of the Big Year Fly Fishing Challenge is to see how many different species of fish members can catch on a fly rod. The member that has caught the most species of fish by January 8, 2018 will be declared the winner. The fish must be caught using a fly rod and fly line. The Challenge is limited to fish caught in Florida waters. To participate email a photograph of your fish to the Newsletter Editor (fcffnewsletter@gmail.com) and include the following information:

- ▶ First and last name of the angler that caught the fish
- ▶ The species of fish that was caught
- ▶ The date and location where the fish was caught

All photographs must be date stamped and show the fly, fly rod used to catch the fish.

For a complete listing of the rules see the [January 2017 FCFF Newsletter](#).



Rob Benardo's Brown Hoplo

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First Coast Fly Fishers 2017 Annual Banquet

Featuring

Captain Bruce Chard

6 ^{PM} Saturday February 18, 2017
Southpoint Marriott, Jacksonville, FL

Please join the First Coast Fly Fishers on Saturday, February 18, 2017 as we welcome renowned Florida Keys fishing guide, and Master Casting Instructor, **Captain Bruce Chard**. Capt. Chard has guided anglers to bonefish, permit and tarpon out of the lower Florida Keys since 1992. In addition to logging upward of 220 days a year on the water, Bruce is the host of popular fly fishing schools and adventure trips for bonefish, tarpon, permit, GT's and sailfish throughout the Florida Keys, Bahamas, Belize, Mexico, Christmas Island and Guatemala. Bruce is currently a top saltwater prostaff member with Hatch Fly Reels, Airflo Fly Lines and Echo Fly Rods. He is an FFF Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor and a former American Fly Fishing Trade Association Board Member – AFFTA. Bruce is also on the Simms Pro Team where he helps extensively in the design, promotion, and testing of future fly fishing products.



The banquet weekend will begin **Saturday morning** with a casting clinic presented by Captain Chard. This is your opportunity to learn some tricks and techniques from one of the premier guides in the Keys. Bruce will be talking about lines, leaders and what you can do to up your game on the water whether you are chasing tarpon in the Keys or redfish on the grass flats.

Saturday evening join the Club as we host a banquet dinner at the Southpoint Marriott. The banquet will include a buffet dinner to be followed by a presentation by Bruce on *Fly Fishing the World*. As a sought-after speaker and regular contributor to magazines and television programs, Bruce's programs are entertaining as well as informative. Tickets for the banquet are **\$40 per person** with a paid FCFF Membership.

This year's banquet will include thousands of dollars in silent auction and raffle items; including fly rods, reels, lines, guide trips, fly fishing art work, clothing and apparel and many other fly fishing essentials. More items are being added to the list every week. Raffle tickets are **\$5 a piece or 8 for \$30**.

Everyone who attends will have a chance to win a **Tibor Signature Series Reel**.

To learn more about Bruce Chard, check out his web site: <http://brucechard.com/>

For more information about the banquet go to www.fcff.org or email the Banquet Chairman at clarkowitz@bellsouth.net





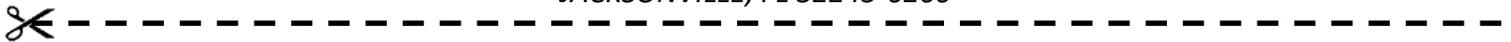
2017 ANNUAL BANQUET
FEATURING CAPT. BRUCE CHARD
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017 AT 6 PM

Southpoint Marriott - 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256

The banquet will include a buffet dinner with chicken and fish, assorted sides and your choice of beverage along with a cash bar.

There will be several thousand dollars in raffle and silent auction items along with the chance to win a **Tibor Signature Series Reel.**

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH
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MEMBER NAME: _____

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Quantity		Amount
	Member Banquet Ticket \$40	\$
	Non-Member Banquet Ticket \$140 (Includes \$100 annual membership)	\$
	Raffle Tickets- \$5 per ticket or 8 for \$30	\$
	Total Amount	\$

Payment Method

Cash _____ Check _____ Check # _____

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(There will be a \$3 service charge for all credit card payments)

ANGLER'S ELBOW --

The Cause and The Cure

by Tom Dempsey, Mobile AL, USA

Anglers, like all athletes, are subject to musculo-skeletal injuries acquired in pursuit of their specific sport. Fly fishers have unique aches and pains that can make them uncomfortable. One of the most common problems seen in the fly fisher occurs from using the elbow repetitively to swing a rod and line.

Generically this was referred to as “tennis elbow,” an inflammation of the ligament insertion on the outside of the elbow which produces pain on flexion and extension of the elbow, i.e., during the casting stroke. It can be exquisitely tender to the touch.

The muscles that extend the wrist originate from the outside of the elbow (the lateral epicondyle). When the junction where the muscles join the bone becomes inflamed, this results in pain. Typically gripping the rod and casting causes discomfort over the outside of the elbow along the bony prominence. (See **Figure A**)

Now, if we could rest the elbow for several weeks or months, it might get well. On the other hand, why not first identify what causes an “angler's elbow” and try to prevent it? If we are smitten by this demon, how can we treat it and keep fishing?

First, tennis elbow can occur at any time in the beginner or the advanced fly fisher. One of the causes of angler's elbow is overuse. Some of the common causes are:

- 1) Going from a lighter to heavier rod
- 2) Going from a lighter weight line to a heavier weight line
- 3) Prolonged casting
- 4) Errors in casting mechanics

Most cases of tennis elbow can be treated successfully by correcting the cause. Making sure you have good casting mechanics is one way of preventing tennis elbow. This means having moving your fly rod through a smooth stroke and not trying to overpower the cast. Also, avoid casting distances that are not within your skill zone.

If you are planning a fishing trip and plan to do a considerable amount of casting, get your elbow in shape before going. There are simple exercises that we will talk about in the treatment section you can do that will not only help during the acute phase, but also can be preventive.

Using balanced tackle and making sure your rod is lined correctly can prevent overworking the elbow during the casting stroke (this includes removing slack before the casting stroke and not trying to cast large amounts of line that you are not used to or comfortable with).

TREATMENT

- 1) Most cases of tennis elbow resolve by themselves

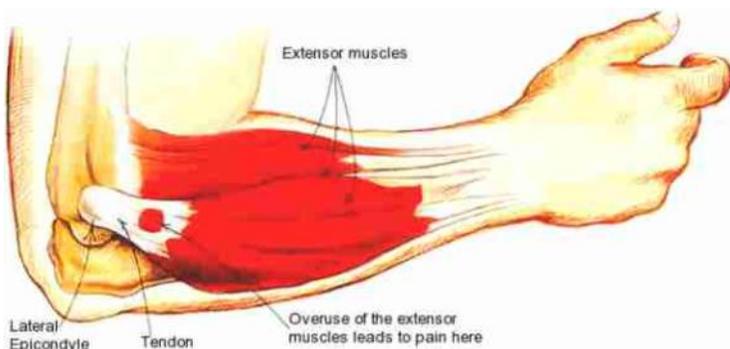


FIGURE A

BACKWATER FISHING ADVENTURES
With Capt. David Borries

Capt. David Borries' Backwater Fishing Adventures

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with a little rest, but there are some things you can do to help speed up the healing process.

- 1) During the acute phase, if you begin having pain after a fishing trip, use ice on the elbow for 30 minutes every three to four hours for two or three days or until the pain is gone.
- 2) Use a tennis elbow brace or tennis elbow strap. This is a belt-like fixture that fits right below the bump on the outside of the elbow and shifts the pull of the muscles to the tennis-elbow brace instead of the bone. This can be worn during the day and during the fishing trip. (See **Figure B**)
- 3) Anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen, Naprosyn and aspirin can help with the discomfort, pain and swelling. Once taken, they need to be taken on a regular basis until the pain resolves (usually a week to 10 days).
- 4) Steroid injections can be very beneficial in treating the acute phase of the inflammation and can be performed at regular intervals when the pain flares up.
- 5) Physical therapy using electrical stimulation and ultrasound can also speed up the healing process.
- 6) Once the pain is under control, performing an exercise program two or three times a day can prevent the tennis elbow from recurring. (See **Figure C**)
- 7) Surgery - Very few patients who follow the above routine require surgical procedures, but there are operations that can successfully treat chronic epicondylitis.



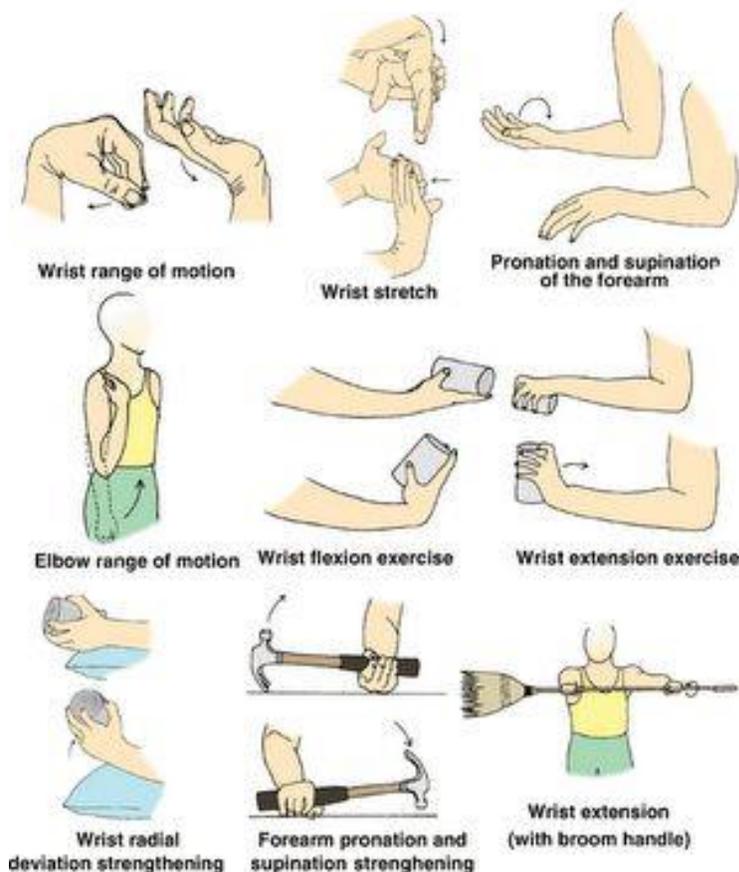
FIGURE B

As mentioned above, exercise programs can be beneficial in preventing tennis elbow from recurring. These exercises should be done when the elbow has cooled down and is comfortable enough to begin exercising.

The elbow exercises are designed to work the muscles that flex and extend the wrist. Simple wrist curls, regular and reversed, done in three of eight repetitions two or three times a day are helpful. Another exercise that I found to be very beneficial is gripping a tennis racquet or baseball bat and rotating it clockwise and counter clockwise with the elbow extended out in front of one back and forth repetitiously. This seems to stretch the muscles that insert into the elbow and prevents the contracture that results from the healing process of damaged muscles being stretched out and pulled apart the next time you cast. Keeping these muscles and tendons and the forearm muscles strong is the key to preventing chronic epicondylitis.

Most cases of epicondylitis are allowed to progress too far before they are treated, so I would encourage anyone who has the signs and symptoms not to ignore them

Lateral Epicondylitis (Tennis Elbow) Exercises



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FIGURE C

but to get immediate treatment. Then you can prevent that fishing trip from being ruined.

About the Author: Tom Dempsey is an orthopedic surgeon by profession and a fly fisher by passion. He has fished throughout North and South America, the Bahamas and Europe. He is founder of the Gulf Coast Fly Fishing School in Mobile, AL, USA. Dempsey likes nothing better than sight-fishing for reds in skinny wa-



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Little Talbot Camping

President Seth Nehrke and his family took advantage of the warm winter weather and went camping at Little Talbot Island. On Saturday morning they put in at the Carlucci ramp to do a little fishing. Unfortunately, the fishing was somewhat lackluster. Lilah managed to catch a small redfish (left) and Benny caught a pin fish. Aside from these two fish, nothing else made it in the boat. Regardless of the fishing it was a great weekend to spend on the water with the family.





Troy Johnson's son (left) with a 30 pound cobia recently caught offshore.

What are you waiting for?

It is time to renew your annual membership to the First Coast Fly Fishers. Year after year the First Coast Fly Fishers promotes fly fishing throughout northeast Florida by providing our members with opportunities to learn and experience the joys of exploring nature with a fly rod in hand.

As a member-in-good standing you and your family are entitled to monthly meetings and outings; free casting instruction with local Certified Casting Instructors; free fly tying classes and seminars with the likes of David Lambert, Bob Clouser, Jon Cave and Mac Brown at no additional cost.

We have a lot of great things in store this year, including a casting clinic in April and fly tying classes in February and March. So don't delay, renew your membership today. At \$100 a year for a family membership, it is the best deal in fly fishing.



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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:
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Please Return Application To:

Payment Type

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Cash

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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

FFCF 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.

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Suggestions

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

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?

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: _____

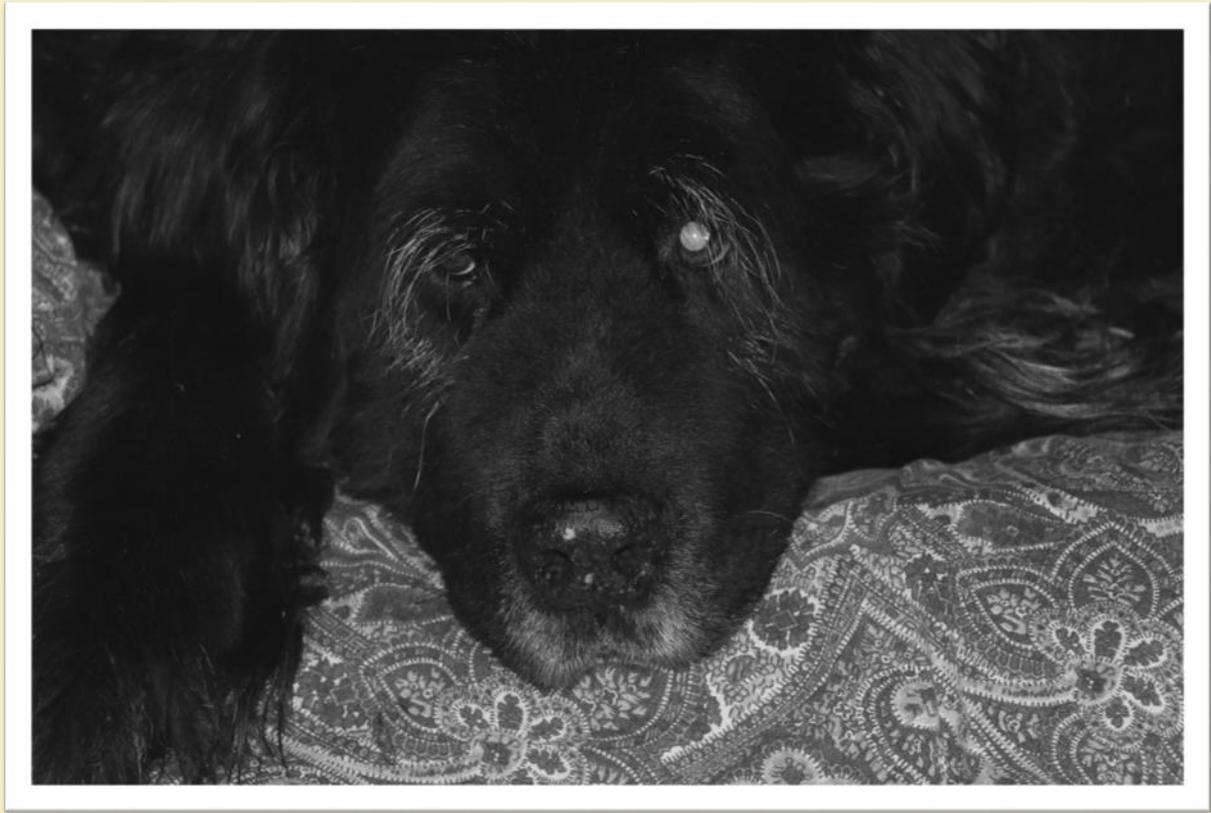
If this is a youth membership, a parent or guardian must sign. If you are signing for a youth member:

Print your full name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

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“A dog is the only thing that loves you more than he loves himself.”

Josh Billings
Aka Henry Wheeler Shaw

Shad Flies

This month we will be fishing for shad on the St. Johns River. In anticipation of the outing, here are a couple of fly patterns that are very effective for shad.

Shad Clousers

Clousers work great but these flies are even easier to tie. In my opinion, you need to make sure that you have flies with two basic things: (1) lead eyes and (2) colors: Chartuse, Pink or Orange.

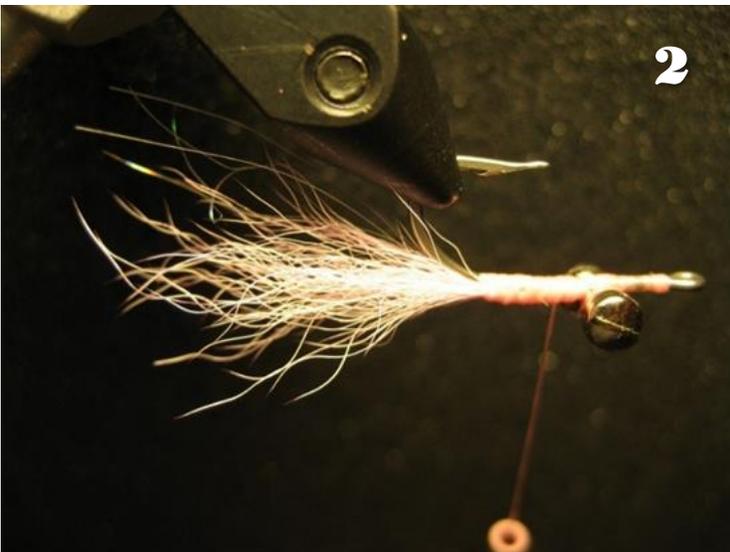
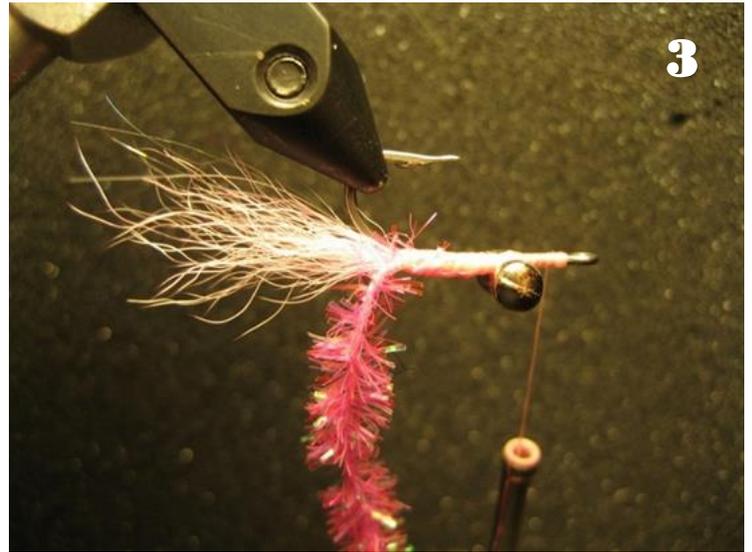
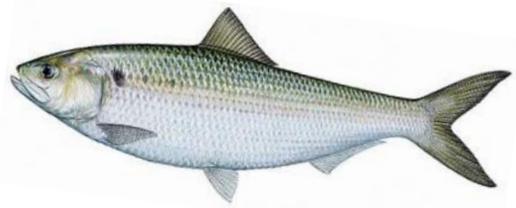
Hook: Must 34007 #6

Thread: Denier 210, your choice of color. White is fine.

Eyes: X-small lead dumbel eyes. I like the nickle plated for extra flash.

Tail: Your choice of flash. I like to use calftail or DNA holofusion.

Body: Medium chenille in pink, chartuse or orange.



Shad Dog Fly Gold and Olive

Hook: Mustad 7958 or 34007 size 6 and 4
Thread: Olive
Eyes: Medium large yellow or red dumbbell
Throat: Gold tinsel chenille
Collar: Grizzly saddle hackle.
Tail: Cut and trimmed olive zonker strip or craft fur

Color combinations: Gold and Olive yellow eyes, all white, chartreuse, pink with white eyes, All black with yellow eyes (very good bass fly).

This fly is suggestive of something between a fish or a salamander. It has lots of motion, a great silhouette and looks like a prey item.

1. Prepare a 1" strip of olive zonker. Cut attaching end to a point to tie on hook.
2. Cut length height of hair to ¼ inch leaving the very tip full length as a tail.
3. Attach thread to hook at top of bend and tie in zonker strip upside down. This fly will ride hook up so make sure you tie in the fur side down.
4. Next tie on a thorax ball of gold tinsel chenille about half of the hook shank.
5. Tie in collar with two full wraps of grizzly and use thread to force hackle back over thorax. There should be just enough room to tie in the dumbbell eyes.
6. Figure eight the eyes until firmly secure, lacquer



and tie off.

7. Finally use a black marker and "bar" the tail section with at least 3 marks.

This fly was originally created for bass and it does work well for bass. But it also catches crappie, and blue gills.

The Shad Dog fly is 1 ¾ to 2 inches long. Fish it on a floating line with about a 7 to 9 foot leader.

Make your cast, let the fly sink to the bottom and strip about a foot at a time letting the fly sink again and repeat. Many times the fish will pick up the fly as it drops. When the shad are in thick they will hit it as it sinks before you even have a chance to retrieve it. The strike is firm and deliberate.



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Fishing the Land of the Midnight Sun



Last summer, Banquet Chairman Corri Davis and her husband Jeff spent two weeks in Alaska on vacation. During their trip, they spend five days fly fishing on the peninsula and caught silver salmon and Dolly Varden.



This Months Outing....

Shad on the St Johns River February 11th 2017

Word from down around the Econ is that the shad run has started to really pick up, so timing should be perfect for our February outing down to the CS Lee boat ramp to fish the shad run. This is a great outing - great wildlife sightings and beautiful 'old Florida' at it's best !

Plan to meet at **I95 / CR 210 exit at the TA Truck Stop / Shell Station (east of I95 and north of CR 210) at 8:00 AM on Saturday the 11th.** We will grab some coffee and caravan down together.



This is a boat / kayak outing - if you don't have a boat let us know and we will match you up with someone with a boat. If you want to try kayaking (this is an easy kayak trip), we have a couple of extra kayaks available if anyone is interested - just let us know.

We will plan to eat lunch between 1:00 -1:30. If someone will help transport the grill/cooler to the Econ, we will lunch there, otherwise, we will plan to have lunch at the C.S. Lee boat ramp.

Directions to C.S. Lee Park

C.S. Lee Park is located at 4600 FL46, Geneva, Florida 32732.

1. From Jacksonville head south on I-95 approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes (approximately 120 miles) to Exit 232 Sanford/Mims, State Route 46

2. Take the exit and head west on State Route 46.
3. Continue on State Route 46 for approximately 27 miles. After you cross the St. Johns River, the entrance for the boat ramp/park will be on the right.

Put in at the boat ramp and head south. Begin fishing once you pass under the bridge.

The confluence of the Econlockhatchee is on the west side of the St. Johns about 4,500 feet south of the bridge. You will find shad in both the St. Johns and Econ Rivers.

Air boat traffic on the river can be heavy at times.



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What to Bring

A 5 to 7-weight rod is ideal for this outing. If you intend to use a floating line, be sure that your flies are sufficiently weighted. Otherwise, plan to use an intermediate sinking line.

Shad darts or similar looking flies in various colors and sizes.

Dress for the weather and bring sunscreen.

Lunch will be served after 1 PM, however, bring plenty of water and snacks.



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Coming Attractions

Regardless of whether you are new to fly tying or have been tying for a long time the Club will be hosting a series of fly tying classes in **March and April**. The classes will be taught by Gavin Glover and other members of the Club. It is anticipated that classes will be held one day a week for several weeks and will cover how to tie some of the most effective patters for fresh and saltwater in Northeast Florida. Fly tying tools and materials will be available.

Just as the fishing action is starting to heat up, the Club will be presenting a Casting Clinic in **April**. The casting clinic will be headlined by Master Casting Instructor David Lambert and Casting Instructor Gavin Glover. This will be your chance to fine tune you casting skills and learn how to properly practice your cast when you are not on the water.

More information regarding the upcoming fly tying classes and casting clinic will be made available via email, on the website and in upcoming issues of the newsletter as the details are finalized.

New Members

Over the last couple of months the Club has picked up some new members. Some of the members are new to the sport of fly fishing; others have been life long fly fisherman. The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Bob Bargamin
Gary Bone
John Halvorsen
Mike Hodge
Rick Salisbury

We look forward to many years of fly fishing with our new members. When you see any of these folks at an upcoming meeting, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the Club.

The effects of Hurricane Matthew on Little Talbot Island are evident in the aerial photograph below taken by Don Edlin. Simpsons Creek has a new inlet.



Sun 2/26/17
4-9PM

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Fly Fishing Film Tour Visits Brevard Sunday, February 26th

Anglers for Conservation and Harry Goode's Outdoor Shop will be bringing the Fly Fishing Film Tour to Brevard County on Sunday, **February 26, 2017** at Premiere Theaters Oaks 10, 1800 West Hibiscus Boulevard, Melbourne, FL 32901. Doors open at 4 PM and the movie begins at 4:30. There will be an intermission at 6 PM and followed by dinner at 7 PM, both provided by Hemingway's Tavern next door to Oaks 10.

Tickets are **\$35 per person** and include dinner.

Tickets are available at Harry Goode's Outdoor Shop, or online at flyfilmtour.com. All proceeds benefit Anglers for Conservation, a 501c3 non-profit with a mission to inspire new generations of marine stewards through education, conservation, and community outreach. For information on sponsoring this event, contact Mike Conneen at mike@anglersforconservation.org.

The original and preeminent exhibition of fly fishing cinema, The F3T is a one of a kind experience. Each year fishy folk of all ages gather at premieres to soak up films from around the world, spin a few yarns amongst friends and dream about casts still unmade.

2016 marks The F3T's 10th lap around North America and this year's lineup of films is without question the best the Tour has ever presented. From Bolivia to the Seychelles, British Columbia and Patagonia, from Saskatchewan to Zambia and Virginia to Montana, the notable characters, unique storylines and unparalleled fishing in these films will lead you on an adventure around the globe!

In addition to showcasing world-class fly fishing films, The F3T is dedicated to supporting the local fly shops and conservation groups that form the backbone of our sport's educational and environmental efforts. Discount F3T tickets are available at more than 150 fly shops across the country. A portion of those ticket sales go directly to support fishing and habitat-related conservation groups. In 2015 we raised over \$300,000 for our conservation partners and have used our voice to bring greater attention and support to groups like Trout Unlimited, Wild Steelhead Coalition, Bonefish Tarpon Trust, Utah Stream Access Coalition, Stop Pebble Mine and many more.

FEBRUARY 2017 TIDES JACKSONVILLE (MAYPORT BAR PILOT DOCK)

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	DATE	TIME	HEIGHT
2/1/2017	Wed 4:49 AM	-0.4 L	2/10/2017	Fri 1:59 PM	-1 L	2/19/2017	Sun 2:44 PM	3.7 H
2/1/2017	Wed 11:31 AM	4.6 H	2/10/2017	Fri 8:28 PM	4.5 H	2/19/2017	Sun 8:46 PM	0.5 L
2/1/2017	Wed 5:20 PM	-0.5 L	2/11/2017	Sat 2:10 AM	-1.2 L	2/20/2017	Mon 3:30 AM	4 H
2/2/2017	Thu 12:00 AM	4.5 H	2/11/2017	Sat 8:53 AM	5 H	2/20/2017	Mon 9:45 AM	0.7 L
2/2/2017	Thu 5:47 AM	-0.2 L	2/11/2017	Sat 2:43 PM	-1 L	2/20/2017	Mon 3:43 PM	3.7 H
2/2/2017	Thu 12:21 PM	4.4 H	2/11/2017	Sat 9:15 PM	4.5 H	2/20/2017	Mon 9:38 PM	0.5 L
2/2/2017	Thu 6:15 PM	-0.4 L	2/12/2017	Sun 2:56 AM	-1.1 L	2/21/2017	Tue 4:29 AM	4.1 H
2/3/2017	Fri 12:55 AM	4.5 H	2/12/2017	Sun 9:36 AM	4.9 H	2/21/2017	Tue 10:36 AM	0.6 L
2/3/2017	Fri 6:52 AM	0 L	2/12/2017	Sun 3:26 PM	-0.9 L	2/21/2017	Tue 4:41 PM	3.7 H
2/3/2017	Fri 1:16 PM	4.2 H	2/12/2017	Sun 10:00 PM	4.5 H	2/21/2017	Tue 10:30 PM	0.3 L
2/3/2017	Fri 7:15 PM	-0.4 L	2/13/2017	Mon 3:42 AM	-0.9 L	2/22/2017	Wed 5:22 AM	4.3 H
2/4/2017	Sat 1:58 AM	4.5 H	2/13/2017	Mon 10:18 AM	4.7 H	2/22/2017	Wed 11:25 AM	0.4 L
2/4/2017	Sat 8:02 AM	0 L	2/13/2017	Mon 4:07 PM	-0.7 L	2/22/2017	Wed 5:34 PM	3.9 H
2/4/2017	Sat 2:21 PM	4 H	2/13/2017	Mon 10:42 PM	4.4 H	2/22/2017	Wed 11:20 PM	0.1 L
2/4/2017	Sat 8:19 PM	-0.4 L	2/14/2017	Tue 4:28 AM	-0.6 L	2/23/2017	Thu 6:09 AM	4.4 H
2/5/2017	Sun 3:09 AM	4.5 H	2/14/2017	Tue 10:58 AM	4.5 H	2/23/2017	Thu 12:10 PM	0.2 L
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2/5/2017	Sun 9:24 PM	-0.5 L	2/15/2017	Wed 5:16 AM	-0.2 L	2/24/2017	Fri 6:53 AM	4.6 H
2/6/2017	Mon 4:21 AM	4.6 H	2/15/2017	Wed 11:37 AM	4.3 H	2/24/2017	Fri 12:51 PM	-0.1 L
2/6/2017	Mon 10:18 AM	-0.1 L	2/15/2017	Wed 5:32 PM	-0.1 L	2/24/2017	Fri 7:07 PM	4.2 H
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2/7/2017	Tue 5:26 AM	4.8 H	2/16/2017	Thu 12:17 PM	4.1 H	2/25/2017	Sat 1:30 PM	-0.4 L
2/7/2017	Tue 11:20 AM	-0.3 L	2/16/2017	Thu 6:17 PM	0.1 L	2/25/2017	Sat 7:52 PM	4.4 H
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2/9/2017	Thu 7:17 AM	5 H	2/18/2017	Sat 1:48 PM	3.8 H	2/27/2017	Mon 2:45 PM	-0.8 L
2/9/2017	Thu 1:10 PM	-0.8 L	2/18/2017	Sat 7:54 PM	0.5 L	2/27/2017	Mon 9:20 PM	4.7 H
2/9/2017	Thu 7:38 PM	4.4 H	2/19/2017	Sun 2:30 AM	4 H	2/28/2017	Tue 3:00 AM	-0.9 L
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**So long Shadow.
We will miss you.**