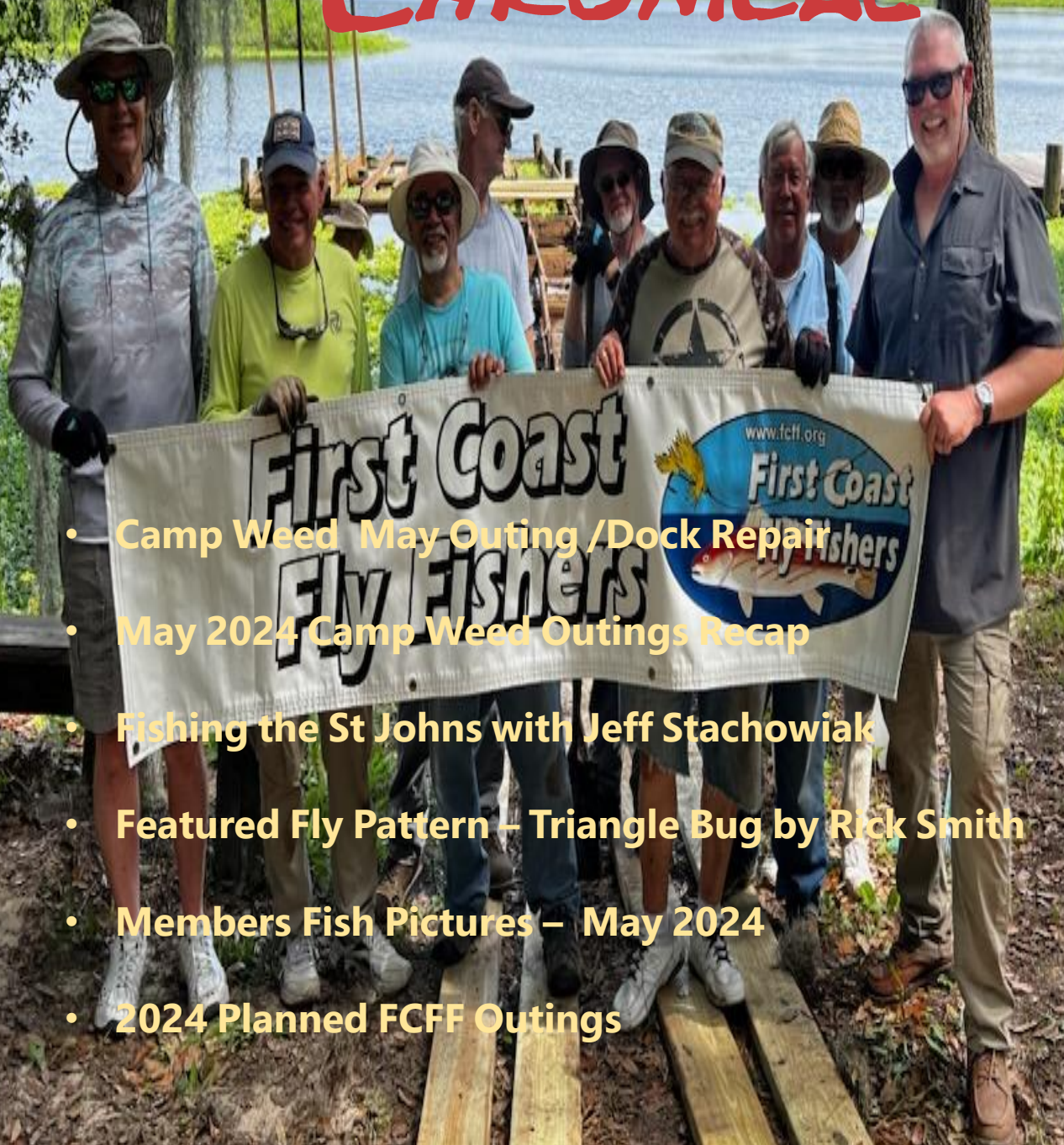


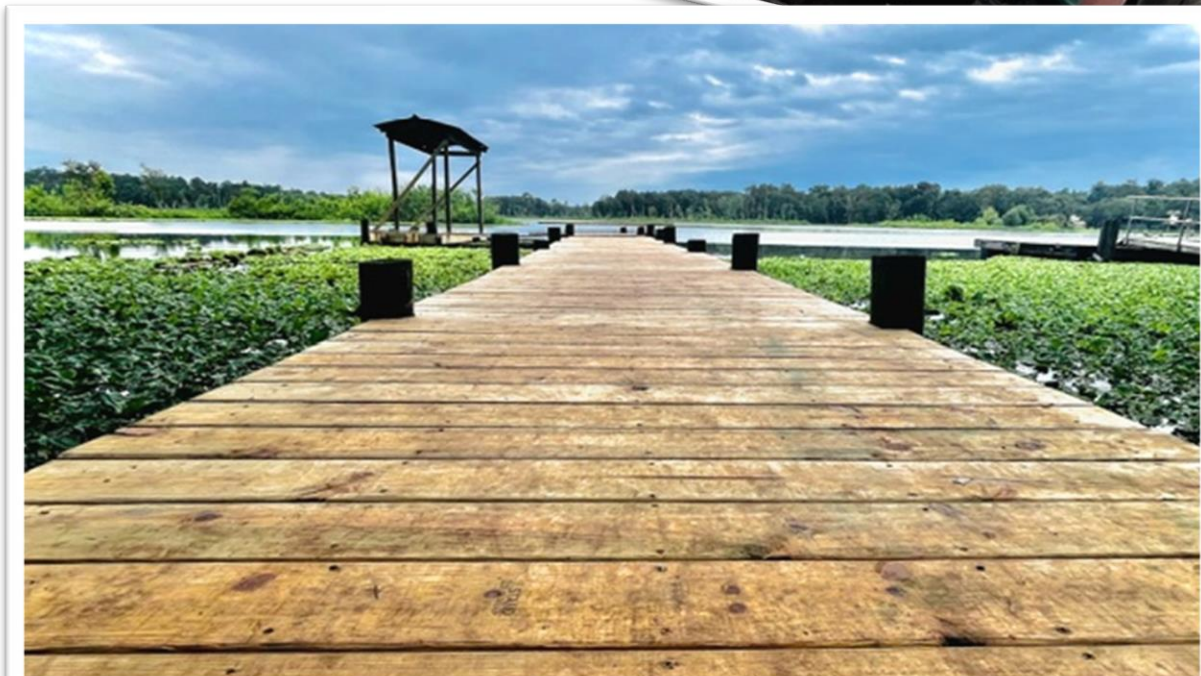
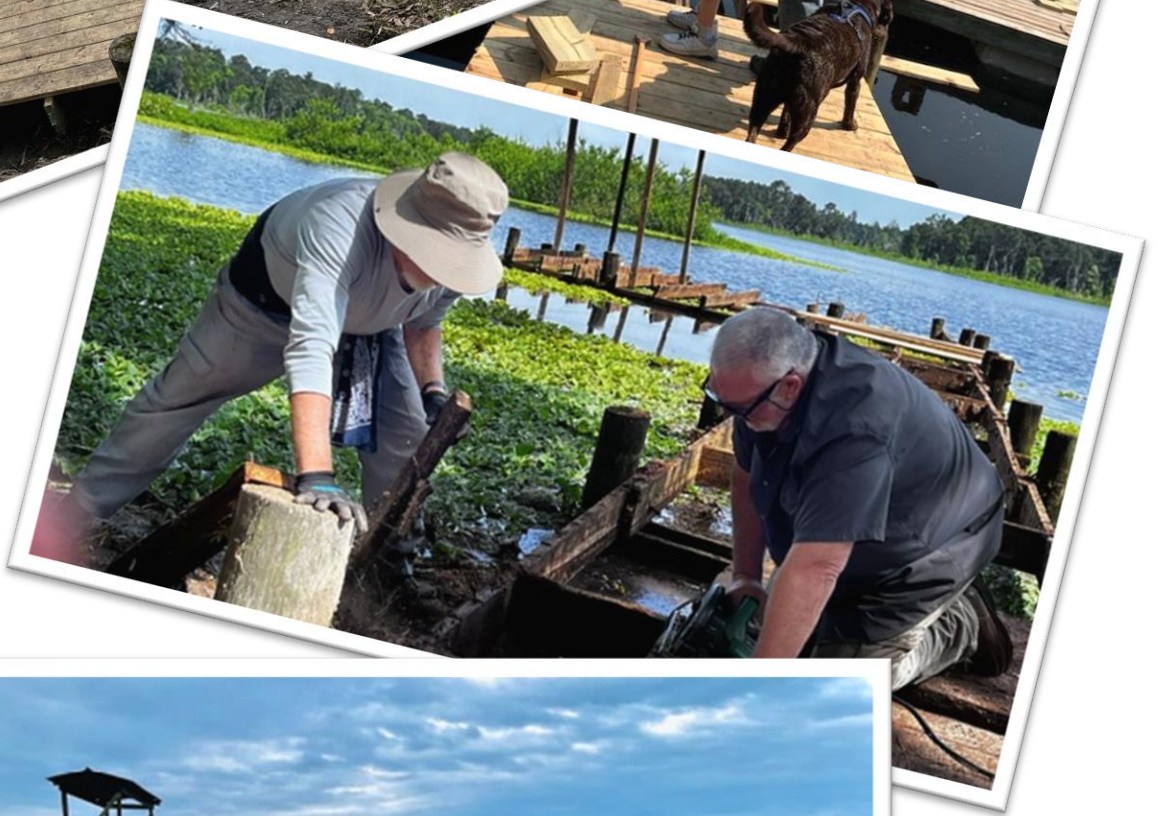


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Camp Weed Dock Repair





Camp Weed Outing Recap

May 17th thru 19th 2024

FCCF members,

It's time to recap this past weekend's activities. Based on the amount of fish caught by everyone and the weather not being as bad as was forecasted it was quite successful. The only real negative was the aquatic cabbage moving around with the wind and lessening shore angling for some. Those with watercraft were able to get beyond the cabbage and find the hot spots. I want to thank all who participated. Camp Weed is a fun venue to fish and for those who haven't been, you're missing out on some fun angling and fellowship. According to two long time members, Dave Lambert and Dick Michaelson, the lake is even liked by the legendary Bob Clouser!

A few of us arrived on Friday morning and into the afternoon and staying overnight through Sunday. The worst weather was mid-morning with lightning popping a bit. The fishing was good in the rain. I caught four large Bluegill within the first few minutes. Lightning and a reel mishap caused a time out until conditions improved. More arrived on Saturday morning for just the day and others for an overnigher into Sunday. I think it is safe say we caught over a hundred fish of bass, bluegill and crappie, with some being really nice sizes. George Fieszar and I were the last to leave on Sunday late afternoon.

Some strange looking pods or cocoons were discovered on the far side of the lake and became a topic of discussion at Saturday night's dinner at the Big Wood BBQ.



I'm thinking alien pods or cocoons. It was fun to speculate. Thanks to George Fieszar we now know that they are called Bryozoan colonies and is an indication of a healthy lake. An small alligator was observed on Saturday as well.


A special thanks to Rick Smith, my roommate for the weekend, for giving me a one on one lesson of tying the Wee Willie Wiggler. I just observed our "professional" fly-tyer in action as I was too exhausted to tie myself.

In closing, I would again like to thank the thirteen members and guests who participated this weekend and to also remind you all of next month's outing at Cedar Point. It is scheduled for June fifteenth and is a low tide event. Low tide is around 10:44 am with a planned launch at seven-thirty. Lunch at somewhere nearby. Bono's is usually the favorite.

Have a fantastic day!

Richard Gragg

Outings Director



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Fishing the St Johns

- REDFISH TARPON TROUT

BattleFish

Triangle Bug



This is a slider style topwater fly designed for panfish. Fished by stripping at the surface, the fly will dive a few inches under the water then bob to the surface. Wide body helps prevent small-mouthed fish like bluegill from deeply swallowing the hook.

Origin: Bart Lombardo; <https://www.panfishonthefly.com/>

References:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kn-ppVyOw00>
2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnKl3dN_Xj4

Hook: 2xl or 3xl dry fly or streamer hook, size 6-10; such as the Tiemco 5212, Daiichi 1720, Mustad R43AP-TX, R73AP-TX or R73XAP-TX, Firehole 618 or equivalent

Thread: 3/0 (210 denier) Danville flat waxed nylon or equivalent; color to match foam body

Tail: calf tail, bucktail or marabou

Body: 2 mm craft or fly tying foam, cut into diamond shape approximately 2x hook shank length long and 1.5x to 2x hook gap wide – see diagram

Legs: medium rubber or silicon, solid color or barred

Adhesive: Zap-A-Gap Medium CA+, LocTite Superglue gel or equivalent; UV resin, head cement or clear fingernail polish

Colors:

1. Any colors will probably work. Suggested color combinations: orange tail/yellow body, yellow tail/green body, chartreuse tail/tan body, black tail/purple body, white tail/yellow body, red tail/white body.
2. Legs can be any color, solid or barred, often contrasting to the foam color.

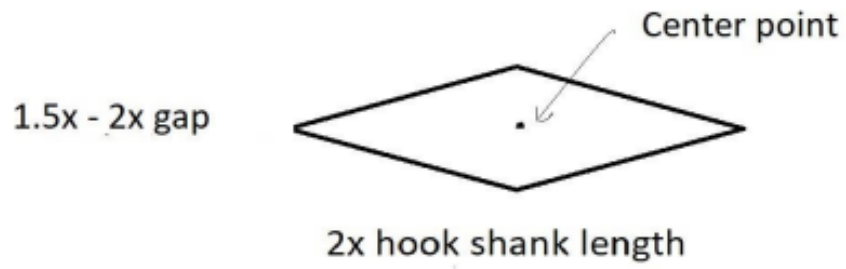
Notes:

1. Using wide, flat nylon thread to help prevent cutting through the foam when tying.
2. To keep fly running straight when stripped, the foam body must taper smoothly into the tail by building a tapered cone of thread at the foam to tail transition.

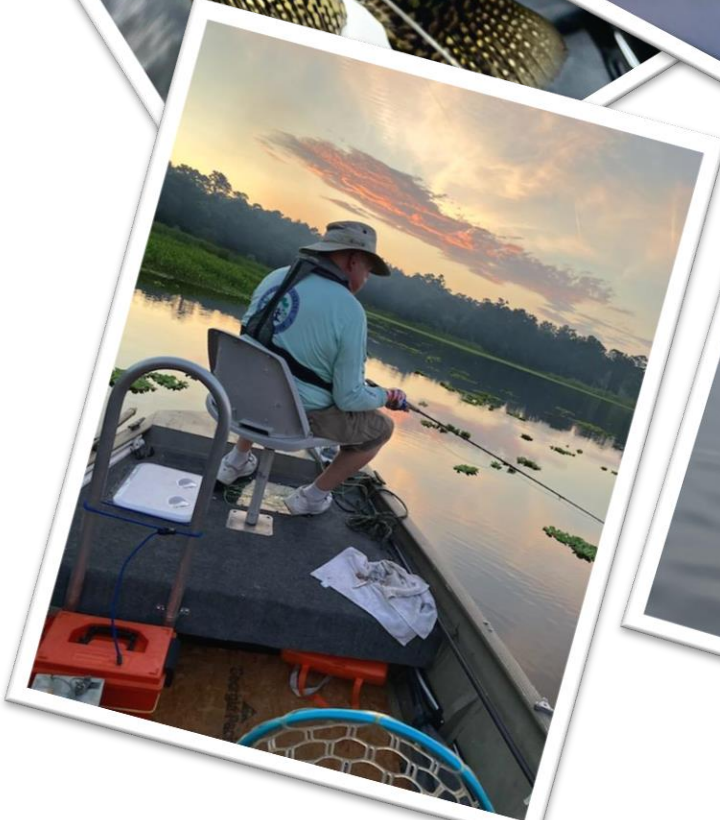
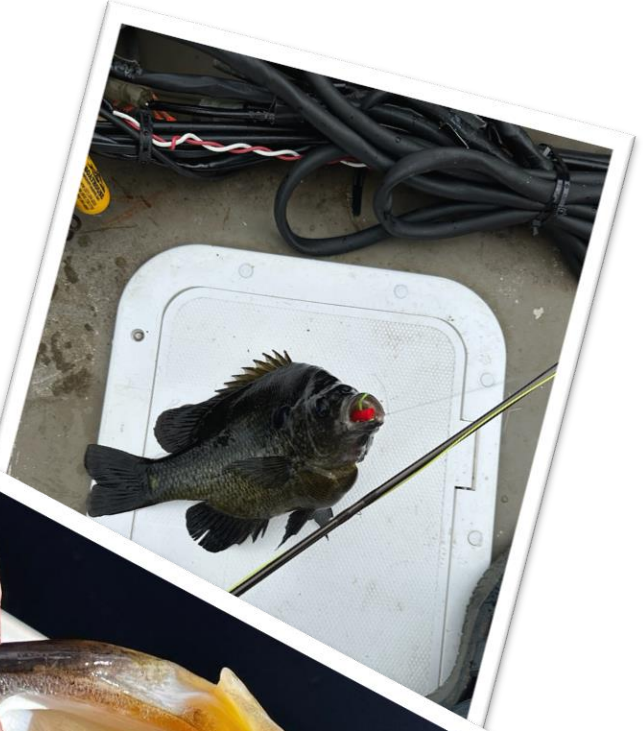
Instructions:

1. Crush hook barb, sharpen hook if needed.
2. Place hook in vice point down.
3. Start thread at hook bend, lay thread base to hook eye.
4. Tie in tail behind eye and tie down on top of shank working towards the hook bend. Tail should extend about 1 to 1.5 shank lengths.
5. Return thread to hook eye.
6. Tie in two legs leaving about 1/16" or 2mm gap (equal to the thickness of the foam) between the legs and the eye. Catch in legs at their midpoint and tie in with cross wraps resulting in two legs per side. Forward legs should be near perpendicular to the hook shank, the rear legs swept back about 30 degrees. Trim legs to about 2x hook length.
7. Position thread back to hook bend.
8. Cut out foam diamond, 2x hook shank length long and 2x hook gap wide for a standard gap hook. If using a wide gap hook a width of 1.5x hook gap works better. See diagram.
9. Puncture foam diamond at center point with bodkin. Insert hook eye into hole in the foam. Fold lower half of diamond rearward, forming a triangle on the bottom of the hook shank. Trim off point of lower half of diamond as needed.
10. Tie down lower triangle at triangle point end; keep plane of triangle perpendicular to hook bend.
11. Fold top half of diamond rearward to test fit; keep plane of the body perpendicular to hook bend and check leg position. Reposition legs if needed; legs will be trapped between the triangles in the finished fly. Trim upper triangle point as needed.
12. Apply adhesive to thread wraps on hook shank, leg tie down points, and inner surfaces of foam triangles. Squeeze foam triangles together until adhesive sets, about 20 – 30 seconds.
13. Tie point end of upper triangle to hook shank.
14. Build a small, smooth cone of thread tapering from foam to tail.
15. Whip finish.
16. Apply head cement or UV resin to the thread cone to secure. Cure resin.

Foam Diamond Cutting Diagram



Members Fish Pictures – May 2024



Planned 2024 FCFF Outings

January: Camp Weed Weekend 26th - 28th
February: No Outing Due to Planned Rendezvous and Weather
March: No outing Due to Rescheduling of Rendezvous
April: South Florida Everglades Trip
May: Camp Weed Weekend 17th - 19th
June 15th: Cedar Creek Low Tide With 7:30a Launch (Low tide @ 10:50)
July 20th: Dave Lambert's Withlacoochee River House 8:30a
Subject to change due to river conditions and access to property
August 10th: Trout Creek Boat Ramp With a 700a Launch
September 21st: Palm Valley/Nocatee 6.1 Flood Tide (High @ 2:13p)
October 5th: Cedar Point 5.3 Flood Tide (High @ 10:55a)
November 9th: Palm Valley/Nocatee Low Tide (Low 9:30a)
December 14th: Cedar Point Low Tide (High @ 1:29p)

****Dates and Locations are subject to change****

Updated on 6/3/24

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