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Big Bend Tailing Redswith Capt. Jay Carson

Bristol Bay, Alaska Fly Fishing with Capt.
Charlie Martin

Charlie's presentation has no audio.



FCFF Outing Recap Sept. Palm Valley Nocatee

FCFF OUTING RECAP SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 PALM VALLEY/NOCATEE

What seemed like a promising sun shiny day of flood tide fishing became a day of blustery winds and no catches. My twelve and a half foot kayak felt like the SS Minnow on a four hour tour. Yeah, the Minnow was on a three hour tour. Anyway, it was rough out there in the big ditch.

Scott Pesci and I were the only two that launched from Nocatee at a little after ten that morning. A few others launched further south at Usina boat ramp. It was a challenge to maneuver against the northeast and eastern winds and tides, and fish at the same time. I finally anchored down in a nice flat area and saw one nice tailing red. He was working the bottom really hard and would not take my Kwan fly when casting right at him. Then POOF, he was gone!

We had a few cancellations for the day (they probably saw the wind report). I never heard if anyone launched from the Palm Valley Boat Ramp. If so give us a report at next month's meeting.

After a rough few hours Scott and I packed it in and called it a day. After that workout in the yak, I didn't need my daily gym exercise. I was whipped.

Our next scheduled club outing is October 5th at Cedar Point. It will be another flood tide event. Info to follow in my announcement letter later this week. Hoping for good weather.

Everyone stay safe out there with the brewing gulf storm possibly heading to our area!

Richard Gragg

Outings Director

FCFF Outing Recap Nov. Palm Valley Nocatee

FCFF November 2024 Outing Recap Palm Valley/Nocatee

Fellow FCFF anglers,

Recapping this past Saturday's outing. It was actually a pretty nice day, weather-wise. Light winds in the early morning with no rain in the Palm Valley/Nocatee area. The sunrise was worth the early start for me. It was a beaut! I was on the water at six thirty along with another kayaker (non-member) just ahead of my launch. The only drawback to launching that early were the gnats and mosquitoes. They were in annoying mode.

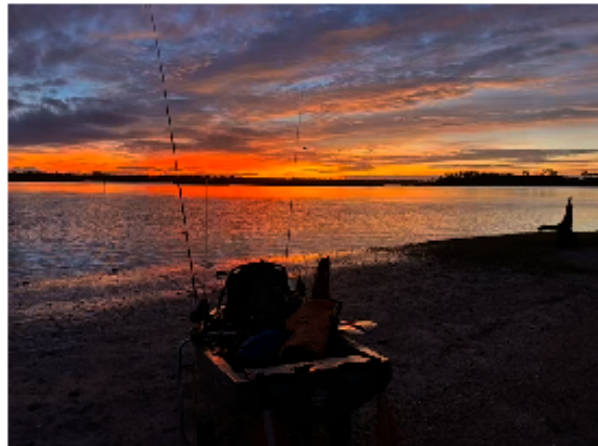
We had six participants, which included Guy Sanders, Dick Michaelson, Larry Holder, Bob Hornbuckle, Bud DeLaurier, and myself. Three were in boats and three in kayaks. The boats launched at the Palm Valley bridge and the kayakers launched at Nocatee Kayak Landing. I caught one twelve inch trout early on and Guy Sanders landed three more trout. Unfortunately, the reds were pretty scarce during the morning. They were hiding somewhere. Maybe it was the dolphins in the area spooking our fish.

I fished Deep Creek and then ventured all the way around Pine Island where I came across Guy on the south side. That was my first trip around the island. Lots of oyster beds. After nearly six hours of pedaling the yak and not having much late morning luck I headed back to the launch. My cramping legs had enough for the day. It was a nice day to be on the water and the boat traffic seemed less than September's outing which also had higher winds.

Just a reminder for next month's outing, it will be north of town at Cedar Point and is another low-tide event. The date is December 14th and a 1:29p low tide. The announcement letter with details will come before next month's meeting. A sign up sheet will be available as well.

Thanks to all who participated this past weekend. Enjoy the Florida fall weather and get out there and fish!

Richard Gragg
Outings Coordinator



Featured Fly Pattern from Richard Smith

Pig Gill Slayer

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July 4, 2024

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This is a slow-sinking fly that was originally intended for bluegill. It is also an effective bass bug if tied in larger sizes. Pictured fly was tied on a wide gap hook bass bug hook (Tiemco 8089, size 10). The only reference I have for this fly is a YouTube video posted on the "Arkansas Fishing Adventures" channel.

Reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGgkZTa2Wrg>

Hook: 2xl or 3 xl straight or down eye streamer hook, sizes 6 to 12; Daiichi 1710, Daiichi 1720 or equivalent; for bass use wide gap hooks sizes 6 to 10 such as the Tiemco 8089, Mustad 3366 or equivalent.

Thread: UTC 140 denier, color to match ostrich herl

Weight: About 1" length of 0.025", 0.030", or 0.035" diameter lead-free wire

Tail: Brown hackle fibers

Body: 3-5 strands of natural color peacock herl, 6-12 strands of dyed ostrich herl

Ribbing: Size small wire, copper color; Ultra Wire works well

Back: 2 mm black foam strip, 3/8" to 5/8" wide and about 1" long

Legs: Rubber or silicone, size medium

Adhesive: UV resin or head cement; cyanoacetate adhesive such as Loctite gel or equivalent

Instructions:

1. Crush barb, sharpen hook if needed. Place hook in vise point down.
2. Wrap on lead-free wire starting two eye lengths behind eye. Catch in thread and tie in over the wire wraps; wrap shank to form a thread base. Glue in wire with adhesive.
3. Tie in tail fibers; tail should be about 1/2 to 3/4 shank length.
4. Tie in 2" length of small wire.
5. Tie in peacock herl.
6. Form dubbing loop with a dubbing hook, loop about 1/4" shorter than the peacock herl. The dubbing loops are used to reinforce the fragile peacock and ostrich herl.

7. Twist peacock herl into loop with dubbing hook to form a rope, wrap shank with herl rope, tie off and trim off excess.
8. Counter wrap ribbing wire over peacock herl, tie off and trim off excess.
9. Cut one end of foam to form blunt point about as long as the wire wraps, tie down foam at widest part of the foam point directly in front of the peacock herl. Continue thread wraps forward, tying down and covering the foam point. Return thread to foam tie in position.
10. Tie in ostrich herl.
11. Form dubbing loop with a dubbing hook, loop about 1/4" shorter than the ostrich herl.
12. Twist ostrich herl in loop with dubbing hook to form a rope, pull aside and secure loop and dubbing hook with material clip or clothes pin. Do not allow the ostrich herl rope to untwist.
13. Tie in two legs about 2" long, tied in their centers on each side at the midpoint of remaining shank. This will give four legs per side, each about 1" long. If using fused rubber legs tie in fused pairs and split legs after finishing fly.
14. Wrap ostrich herl rope on shank forward about two turns, then one turn between legs, then two turns in front of legs, tie off and trim off excess.
15. Fold foam square end over ostrich herl to form the back and tie down about one eye length behind eye. Keep foam straight and directly on top of the shank.
16. There are two options for the head.
 - a. Form a small, rounded head by carefully trimming the exposed foam behind the eye as done in the original.
 - b. Trim and cover remaining foam with thread to form small, tapered head.
17. Whip finish.
18. Use UV resin or head cement on thread head or on the thread wraps for the rounded foam head. Cure resin.
19. If using fused rubber legs, separate legs by splitting with a bodkin.

Notes:

1. Sink rate can be adjusted by varying the diameter and number of turns of the lead-free wire and the width and length of the foam. For example, nine turns of 0.030" lead-free wire and a 1/4" wide x 3/8" long foam back resulted in a sink rate of 1' in about 4 seconds when tied on a size 8 Daiichi 1710 hook.
2. Down eye hooks work well but use caution when building a tapered head to prevent crowding the eye. Original used a size 10 straight eye 3xl streamer hook.
3. For the tail saddle hackle fibers work well; original used partridge feather fibers.
4. Suggested ostrich herl colors are orange, red, or yellow; original used orange.
5. Legs can be any color, barred legs work well; original used light olive/black barred legs.