

# FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS

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# President's Message

By Robert Benardo

Happy New Year Everyone,

Another year has come to an end, and it's time to be thankful; to remember all the good times we had in 2011 and to look forward to the potential of the coming year. The Club is in great shape with a membership that continues to grow and this is due in the most part to the generosity of key members, along with a Board of dedicated friends. I would like to personally thank everyone who has contributed their time and give special thanks to 2011's Board of Directors. Without their dedication and support, we would not have enjoyed the great benefits we have come to expect from the Club.

As for 2012, there are many things to look forward to. Mike Harrigan, our Vice President of Outings will continue to focus our trips on the best fishing destination of the month and feature group barbecues to gather everyone together after fishing. It's always fun to share stories, and there is no better way than while quenching your thirst around a barbecue. Please try and join the club on these outings, they're a great way to get to know your fellow members and enjoy a day on the water. If you have any suggestions for outing destinations, don't hesitate to contact Mike at [outings@fcff.org](mailto:outings@fcff.org).

Our guest speaker list for the year will feature some old favorites and a few new faces. Some speakers will be chosen for their special knowledge of the fishery we will be visiting on that month's outing, others will be people our Vice President of Programs Seth Nerke feels the Club would enjoy hearing from. We are always open to suggestions so don't hesitate to let us know of someone or something you would like to see included in this year's program schedule. You can contact Seth at [programs@fcff.org](mailto:programs@fcff.org).

The fly tying classes to be held this spring, a long-time club favorite will be led by our Education Director Bart Isaac. These classes are geared towards beginning fly tyers, but Bart can show even the experienced tyer a thing or two. The flies Bart will be tying during these classes are proven winners, so don't pass up the opportunity to learn from a veteran of fish catching. If you are new to fly tying this is an excellent opportunity to get started. Best of all, it is free to all Club members.

And last but not least, we will be scheduling a couple of all-day seminars that feature fly fishers of special talent. These seminars offer a unique opportunity to get to know a renowned fly caster or tyer personally and get some hands-on experience. The all-day seminars are always been memorable experiences. You never know who might show up, so stay tuned.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone again for all you do to make the First Coast Fly Fishers the best club around. I am proud and privileged to be the president of such a great group.

Respectfully,  
*Robert Benardo*

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# FCFF 2012 Annual Banquet

*Featuring*

**World Renowned Fly Casting  
Instructor**

**Ed Jaworowski**



**P**lease join us on February 25, 2012 as the First Coast Fly Fishers welcome world renowned fly casting instructor, author and photographer Ed Jaworowski. Ed is an international fly fishing authority. His angling travels, classes, and lectures have taken him around much of the western hemisphere. He has authored four books and served as editorial consultant for a fifth. These, along with his photographs and hundreds of articles, have been published in the USA, England, Spain, Norway, Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Italy and Japan. He is best known as a casting instructor, and Lefty Kreh calls Ed *“a well-rounded freshwater and saltwater fly fisherman who understands fly casting techniques and principles better than any man I have ever met.”* Currently he tests and helps design rods and other fly tackle for Temple Fork Outfitters (TFO).

**E**d is the author of: *The Cast*, *Troubleshooting the Cast*, *Essential Saltwater Flies* and *Pop Flies: Bob Popovics’s Approach to Saltwater Fly Design*. We hope to have copies of Ed’s books available for purchase at the banquet. If you already have copies, be sure to bring them with you to the banquet, Ed will gladly sign them.

**O**n Saturday afternoon, from 12 to 4 pm, Ed will be holding a casting clinic at M & M Dairy. This is your opportunity to learn from the man that Lefty Kreh calls *“the best teacher of fly casting that I have ever known.”* The casting clinic is free and open to all paid-

in full members.

**S**aturday evening at 6 pm we will be holding our annual banquet at the Southpoint Marriott, which is located at Butler Boulevard and I-95 in Jacksonville. The evening will culminate with a program by Mr. Jaworowski in which he will exhibit a lifetime to fly fishing travel and photography.

**B**anquet tickets are \$35 per person. Guests will have a choice of Seared Chicken Breast with a Mushroom Marsala Sauce or Grilled Salmon with a Dijon Cream Sauce.

**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. Raffle tickets are \$5 a piece, and five for \$20.

**T**he Grand Prize Raffle this year is for a new **Hardy Zane Series 1 8/9 Weight Reel** (a \$500 value). Memberships paid in full by the February 1, 2010 meeting will receive a Grand Prize Raffle ticket. In addition, we will be auctioning off an engraved Tibor Back Country Wide Reel.

**F**or more information contact Banquet Director Jim Fallon at [fallontest@comcast.net](mailto:fallontest@comcast.net) or Rob Benardo at [robert@fcff.org](mailto:robert@fcff.org). Additional information is also available on our web site - [www.fcff.org](http://www.fcff.org).

## Banquet Schedule Saturday February 25, 2012

**12 to 4 pm**—Ed Jaworowski Seminar M & M Dairy

**6 to 9 pm**—Banquet with Silent Auction and Raffle Southpoint Marriott



# Ed Jaworowski Fly Casting Clinic Sunday February 26, 2012

*Act now, space is limited!*

**S**unday, February 26, 2012, Ed will be offering an intensive, all-day fly casting and tying seminar. The clinic will be from 9 am to 4 pm at M & M Dairy and lunch will be provided. The class is limited to **15 anglers and costs \$75 per person**. A separate flyer available containing additional information regarding this unique opportunity.

**T**his is your opportunity to learn from one of the best fly casting instructors in the world. Ed will be providing group and one-on-one instruction on the finer points of fly casting. This is the man who wrote the book on Troubleshooting the Cast. You will learn the common casting mistakes, how to identify them and most im-

**"[Ed] is the best teacher of fly casting that I have ever known."**

**- Lefty Kreh**

portantly how to correct them.

**S**pace is limited! **The Fly Casting Clinic is limited to 15 people.** Participation will be limited to the first 15 people who pay in advance for the Clinic. You need not attend the banquet to attend the Clinic. However you must act now! Complete the Casting Clinic Application and submit it along with \$75 to Banquet Chairman Jim Fallon. You can either mail your application to the FCFF PO Box or bring it with you to the January or February meetings. If you mail your application, be sure to notify Jim ahead of time, so that we can make sure your name is added to the list. Your space in the Clinic will not be reserved until your money has been received.

**F**or more information contact Jim Fallon at [fallontest@comcast.net](mailto:fallontest@comcast.net).

## 2012 Membership Renewal

**T**he new year means it is time for members to renew their memberships to the First Coast Fly Fishers. We will be holding a membership drive in conjunction with the January 9th meeting. Our new Membership Chairman, Scott Shober, will be collecting applications and dues during the meeting. Annual family memberships are \$100.

**T**hose folks who renew their membership by the February 6th meeting will be eligible to participate in the Banquet's Grand Prize Raffle for a Hardy Zane Series

8/9 weight saltwater reel. For well over 100 years, the name Hardy has been synonymous with quality fly fishing tackle. This aluminum, large arbor reel utilizes a carbon fiber disk drag for excellent performance. The reel has

little start-up inertia and a nearly instantaneous pickup. It is sure to please even the most discerning fly fisherman.

**E**veryone who submits their membership application and dues by **February 6th** meeting will receive one ticket for the Grand Prize Raffle to be drawn at the February 25th Banquet. You need not attend the Banquet to win.

**Y**ou have two options for renewing your application, submit it at either the January 9th or February 6th meetings or mail it to the FCFF's PO Box. To be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing, 2012 memberships must be paid in full by no later than February 6th 2012.

**M**embership applications may be downloaded from the Clubs website at [www.fcff.org](http://www.fcff.org). Don't delay, renew today!

**HARDY**  
ALNWICK | ENGLAND

# WORLD-RENOWN FLY TYER BOB CLOUSER VISITS THE FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS

*BY BUDDY PRICE*

**B**ob Clouser is one of the best-known names in fly fishing and has been a frequent visitor to the First Coast Fly Fishers. When he found himself in Florida in December for the Renzetti Fly Fishing Fair, he contacted the Club to see if we would be interested in having him come up for a day of casting and tying. The Club jumped on the offer and President Robert Benardo immediately and set up an outing with Bob.

**T**he afternoon started with burgers and dogs cooked up by our own Top Chef Mike Harrigan. He would custom cook anything as rare or burned as you wanted it! After our BBQ feast, Bob gave a presentation on fishing that had everyone ready to go chase Smallmouth Bass.

**A**fterward, Bob demonstrated just how easy it is to cast a fly line (easy for him anyway.....this author is still trying to figure out what kind of magic fly line he was using). He began by demonstrating that the cast is a matter of simple physics broken down into the acceleration and deceleration of the rod tip, the flex of the rod and the position of the caster's body. He also showed a technique of determining just how much or little power it takes to cast a fly line by starting with too little energy (acceleration) to cast the full line and how the increase in the energy applied to

the cast is proportional to the distance the line travels. His point was that you don't have to try to overpower the cast. Instead, it is a matter of applying the right amount of energy to cast the line the desired distance. After his demonstration, Bob spent time with each club member that wanted some one-on-one casting assistance.

**A**t the end of the presentation, Bob demonstrated how to tie his famous Clouser Minnow. This is possibly one of the most effective fly patterns created for fresh or saltwater. When you tie it Bob's way, is incredibly simple. A video of Bob's tying demonstration has been posted to YouTube at (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0gX83j1Kvg&list=UUN6Chg9Wn51hLQjS8U8Ffg&index=1&feature=plcp>) for you to view.

**I**t was another great day of learning with one of the greats of fly fishing who is always welcome at the First Coast Fly Fishers!

*Opposite Page. Clockwise From the Upper Left: Lunch with Bob; Burgers Made to Order; Bob Clouser demonstrating the finer points of casting; Bob explaining that the key to casting is simple physics; FCFF Top Chef Mike Harrigan.*

**Rich Santos with a 5 pound red caught in the grass.**





# FCFF Elects 2012 Board of Directors

During the December 2011 meeting, the First Coast Fly Fishers elected its 2012 Board of Directors. Nine of the 2011 Board of Directors will continue serving on the Board in 2012. Banquet Chairman Jim Fallon and At-Large Member George Lyncher will be stepping down from the Board.

The past year was a great one for the Club. There were plenty of opportunities for members to learn from some of the best locally and internationally known fly fishing talents such as Mac Brown, Bob Clouser, Larry Miniard, and David Borries. The 2011 outings gave members the opportunity for fish familiar waters as well as explore new areas. Last February, the Club held one of its most successful and memorable banquets on record. The success of the Club is due in large part to the dedication and hard work of the 2011 Board of Directors. Be sure to take a

## Lambert Hangs Up His Keyboard

After years of editing and publishing the FCFF newsletter, David Lambert, has decided to hang up his keyboard. Lambert cited increased personal and professional commitments as the reason for his decision. Lambert drew upon his years as journalist and author to produce one of the best fly fishing newsletters in the State. Under his tutelage, the Club's newsletter has been nationally recognized by such organizations as the Federation of Fly Fishers.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "either write something worth reading or do something worth writing." As a writer, world-class fisherman and a Master Casting Instructor, David did both. Month after month the newsletter was chalked full of stories and instructional articles from the mind and keyboard of David Lambert. David also published articles by some of the biggest luminaries in the fly fishing industry such as Dr.

moment and thank the 2011 Board of Directors for a wonderful year.

In 2012, Robert Benardo will return as Club President for an unprecedented fourth year in a row. Seth Nerke, Mike Harrigan and Bart Isaac will be returning this year as Vice President of Outings, Outings Chairman and Education Chairman, respectively. Don Edlin will continue managing the Club's finances as Treasurer. Buddy Price will document everything as Club Secretary. One of last year's At-Large Members, Scott Shoher, will assume the role of Membership Chairman. Ken Nimnich will be taking on the responsibilities of Banquet Chairman in 2012. Bob White will continue on as Club Librarian. First-time Board Members Val Grendanin and Ryan Curley will be serving as At-Large Members in 2012.

Gordy Hill, Mac Brown and Bruce Richards. David leaves behind an impressive literary legacy that the Club will draw from for years to come. Be sure to take a moment and thank David for his years of dedication to the Club and the Newsletter

Taking over the reigns as newsletter editor will be Past-President Jason Sheasley. While David is stepping-down from his regular editing duties, he will continue to serve the newsletter in an emeritus capacity and regularly contribute articles and photographs.

If you have any ideas, photographs or articles to for the Newsletter, please submit them to new editor Jason Sheasley at [pgflyfisher@gmail.com](mailto:pgflyfisher@gmail.com).



**Long-Time FCFF  
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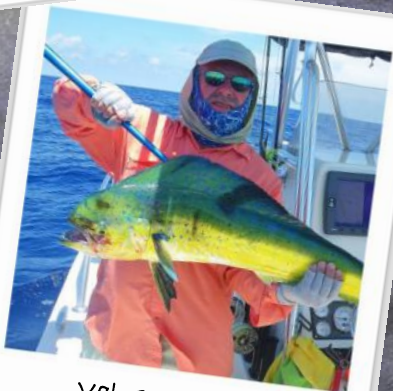
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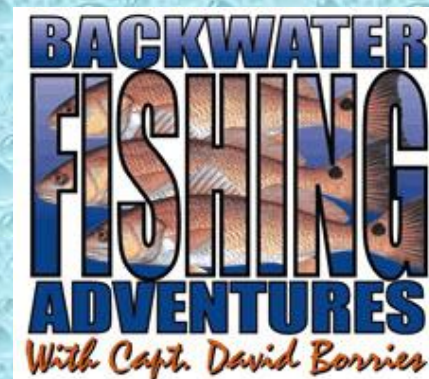


Ryan Curley  
At-Large



Bob White  
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