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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm encouraged to see our members volunteer to head up our Nominating Committee to select a slate of officers and directors for 2007. Congratulations to George Maxwell, Joe Griffin, and Dennis DeMuth for their initiative in helping this organization. That's what it takes to keep this club growing and staying one of the premier clubs in the State. Now is the time for the membership to support this committee and the club when they call upon you to take a position next year. Many of the current members have filled positions for years. While they've done a tremendous job, they can't be expected to do the job forever. Let's give them a break from doing the work that a successful club requires. It's time for new blood, new ideas, new enthusiasm. I challenge the members to step forward and contribute your time and ideas. Everyone can think of reasons why they can't help. Think of reasons why you can! It's a lot easier than you think and the past officers and directors are willing to help you. Remember, it's the members that make this club great and enable us to do the exciting things we enjoy!

Tight lines to all...

Ned

BUSINESS

BOARD MEETING: The October 2 board meeting will be held at the Cocoa Library as usual. Those with subjects they wish presented to the board can either get it to a board member before the meeting or may attend the meeting itself, but are requested to provide the information to the President for review prior to the meeting.

DUES: We encourage those who are behind on their dues to catch up as soon as possible. Just send your dues to the address at the top of this page. Dues are \$20 per member and \$5 for spouse and each additional family member (up to age 18). **Betty Brown** will be Acting Treasurer for an extended period while **Joe Ingino** is on 2nd shift; but, if your dues are current and the roster doesn't reflect it, let **Joe Ingino** know.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: If you don't have an FFFA Membership Card, get one from **Betty Brown**. Our membership card will need to be presented to our supporters to get discounts for their products or services.

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IN MEMORIUM

*It is now more than a month since we were shocked by the news of **Mike Tluchak**'s passing. Having survived and recovered from a major stroke just a few years before finding he had lung cancer and then surviving that for nearly two years, we were beginning to believe he truly was the "Energizer Bunny" whose lifeline would continue forever.*

Mike joined the FFFA in February 1997, bringing along Cathy and Troy, who have been active in the club right along with Mike—until Troy discovered girls. Mike immediately pitched in to do whatever was asked of him.

As a father, Mike had been involved with every step of Troy's fishing experience and brought him to the club to learn more about fishing and fly tying. However, if you ever saw Troy tie a fly at the age of 10, it's likely he learned as much, if not more, from his Dad than he did from us.

Mike was also very active with the Florida Sport Fishing Association and the Kids' Fishing Clinic they sponsored every year. He played a very active part in the FFFA's participation in that event—each year drawing more and more of the FFFA members into the volunteer program. As we found out, it was never a chore and always a pleasure.

At the memorial for Mike on September 5, a representative from Mike's office presented to Cathy an American flag that had been flown half staff at the Kennedy Space Center in Mike's honor. It was an emotional and proud moment for Cathy.

With Betty Brown, Troy shared how much he valued the one-on-one time he had with his Dad and can honestly say he enjoyed it all. He was very proud of his Dad. Cathy shared how much it meant to have everyone remember Mike and appreciated their kindnesses to her and Troy during Mike's illness and after. She also shared that Mike's ashes will be spread over the waters in the Bahamas—his favorite place to fish.

The FFFA sent a \$50 donation in Mike's name to the FSFA for the Kids' Fishing Clinic.

The FFFA appreciated receiving the \$80 donation in Mike's name from the SGS Carpenter Shop at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Tight lines in your new fishing holes, Mike!

MEMORIES OF MIKE...



...at the Kids' Fishing Clinic



...demonstrating fly tying.



...with Troy and Cathy

MEMBER NEWS

BINDERS

Anyone who does not have a club binder, please contact **Dick Schnoor** at the next meeting or give him a call to make other arrangements.

GET WELL

Jack Strucher is leaving the club because of his health. Jack recently had additional surgery—this time on his carotid arteries. We wish him well and will be sending him a complimentary copy of the newsletter to help boost his spirits. Jack would still like to hear from his friends in the club. *All our best wishes for improve health, Jack.*

NEW MEMBERS

Frank & Helen Kingston of Merritt Island joined the club at the September meeting. They both love to fly fish and would like to hear from others in the club who enjoy kayaking. They do have a boat, but if you'd like to take them out on yours to show them some of the areas you fish or would like to get in touch to let them know some of the honey holes out there, you can reach them at FTK@cfl.rr.com. Their address and phone numbers are in the attached roster. *Frank and Helen, we welcome you and hope you enjoy your association with our group.*

RELOCATED

Please note in your roster that **Skip Lynar** has moved. He is now in Pumpkin Swamp, FL. Those who know Skip really well think the name of the area is not at all unusual for Skip; however, what is unusual is that he and Roz now have electricity, running water and air conditioning. Let's hope the next hurricane lets them keep it.

SNOWBIRD NEWS

We're waiting to hear from some of you snowbirds. Let us know what you're catching in your area. You never know when one of us gators might be out your way.



SYMPATHY

The club sends its sincerest sympathy to the family of **Dave Chermanski** upon the passing of Dave's father **William Chermanski** on September 23 in Bethlehem, PA, following an extended illness. Bill was a long-time member of the FFA during its early years.

GMAPP



Top Freshwater Species for October

Bluegill	66 Total; 50 in	Indian Prairie Canal
Oscar	25 Total; 25 in	Tamiami Trail Canal
Largemouth Bass	22 Total; 11 in	Sebastian River
Butterfly Peacock	13 Total; 8 in	Miami Canal
Spotted Sunfish	10 Total	
Mayan Cichlid	8 Total; 5 in	Tamiami Trail Canal
Jaguar Guapote	6 Total; 6 in	Miami Canals
Black Crappie	5 Total	
Mummichog	5 Total; 5 in	Indian River
Redear Sunfish	3 Total	

Top Saltwater Species for October

Spotted Seatrout	12 Total; 64 in	Sykes Creek
Ladyfish	11 Total; 73 in	Indian River
Atlantic Moonfish	10 Total; 10 in	Port Canaveral
Jack Crevalle	66 Total; 42 in	Port Canaveral
Pinfish	66 Total; 35 in	Port Canaveral
Lookdown	58 Total; 57 in	Port Canaveral
Snook	49 Total; 18 in	Sebastian River
Bluefish	25 Total; 25 in	Port Canaveral
Sailor's Choice	22 Total; 12 in	Sykes Creek
Atlantic Cutlassfish	20 Total; 20 in	Port Canaveral

GMAPP CHANGE:

The GMAPP has a new server and new patch which should make the GMAPP program much faster. So far, everyone who has used the patch says "it's great." If you don't have it or are having a problem with it, please give **Jim Wood** a call. Don't let it get out of hand like the fella below.



"There are better ways to log off."

MEMORIES



September 20 Workshop

Our thanks to **Tom Gillen** for filling in for **Dennis DeMuth**, at the fly tying workshop by demonstrating a Trout Fly and a Crazy Charlie. Dennis had another commitment and could not attend the workshop. Dennis' program will be coming in October.

September 26 General Meeting

About 25 people enjoyed the program on fishing for Black Drum in the No Motor Zone, Mosquito Lagoon and Flamingo (near the Everglades) given by **Capt. John Turcot**. If you'd like to plan a guided trip with Capt. Turcot, you can call 321-267-9818 or via backcountryonfly@aol.com or www.backcountryonfly.com.

The following people were named to the Nominating Committee: **Dennis DeMuth, Joe Griffin and George Maxwell**. Their task is to select a slate of Officers and Directors for 2007 to present to the members for election in November. They will be seeking nominees for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, Education Director and Program Director. We hope all of you who are enjoying the club activities will seriously consider accepting nomination for a position on the 2007 Board. For clubs to thrive there must be active participation by its members. Please don't turn down a position because you're afraid to do it alone because there will be lots of people who can help you.

Prize winners were:

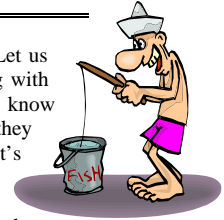
- Dennis DeMuth** Snook pin fashioned and donated by **Ken & Lori VanderLaske**
- Jon Mallory** Exacto Knife Set
- Ned Scheerhorn** Collapsible Mesh Stripping Basket
- Ken VanderLaske** LED Light
- Jim Wood** Set of Fly Boxes

September 30 Fishing Trip

While the number of attendees was low, those that made the Sebastian Inlet outing September 30th had a great time. **Ned Scheerhorn, Jerry Wimberly, Tom Gillen** and **Bjorn Straube** showed up. The weather couldn't have been better. The group decided to wade fish along A1A on the inside shore south of the inlet. Ned caught three trout, Jerry got a grouper, and Tom got two trout, two ladyfish, and one sheepshead. All enjoyed grilled sausages, hamburgers, chips, and sodas for the cookout at noon. Jerry and Ned camped out and tried their hand at the beach the following morning where Ned caught a snook in the surf.

FISHING REPORTS

This section of the "Rag" is for your reports. Let us know where you're fishing, what you're fishing with and how you're doing. It's as important to know where the fish aren't as it is to know where they are—so give **Randy Cleveland** the info if it's important for an upcoming trip or give **Betty Brown** your info if you'd like to pass on general information or do a little braggin' in the "Rag."



Bill and Betty Brown report the waters poor for fishing at Lake Okeechobee, Indian Prairie and the Kissimmee River; however, the Rim Canal around the Big "O" contained lots of nice sized Mayan Cyclids, some bass up to 4.5 lbs and good-sized bream. Most of the better catches were on #10 white poppers, although Betty had some luck with a #8 orange popper with orange and black spider legs early in the morning.

Lake Poinsett had a lot of very murky water in September which made for poor fishing. Some of the waters smelled of decaying vegetation, but the lake is now clear. We hope the canals follow suit in short order. Reports are similar for the eastern shore of Lake Washington on poppers with sliders producing much better on the southern end.

Bill Craig writes from Michigan:

"Salmon fishing is too good to leave here. Getting them on fly now. It's fun to catch a 15 lb fish on a #10 hook in fast flowing water. You have a tiger by the tail...I'll be back in a week or 2 when my arm gets tired of struggling with these powerful fish."

Jim Glass: "Here's a picture of a 28-inch, 5 lb. ladyfish I caught Labor Day morning at the 10,000 Island area in the Banana River. My son-in-law and I got into the trout and ladyfish tearing the bait up at 8:00 a.m. There were some small Tarpon mixed in also. We got one jump out of a tarpon and we caught about 10 fish each. This Ladyfish about spooled my 8 wt. before I turned her. I caught her on a chartreuse Clouser and I broke about 2 inches off of my rod tip getting the fish in the boat...I checked the current world records with IGFA yesterday (9/6) for ladyfish caught on a fly rod with 8 lb. tippet and it is 3 lb 4 oz, so my fish was 2 lbs heavier!"



WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be the third Wednesday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library, Forrest Avenue, Cocoa, Room 2.

October 18

Program: Articulated Marabou Fly

Presenter: Dennis DeMuth

Material packages will be available on a first-come, first serve basis for \$1. Those folks with an extra vise are asked to bring it along so newcomers have a chance to try their hand at tying.

Rod Building Introduction: Following the workshop, **Jim Wood** will meet with those members who have signed up for the rod building class for an introduction to that class. There is still room for two more participants.

November 15

Program: Peacock Bass Fly

Presenter: Dave Jester

If anyone would like to share a favorite fly and demonstrate it to the group, please contact **Tom Gillen** or **Ned Scheerhorn**.

Fly Raffle: Each workshop has a fly raffle. For every fly that is brought in (handmade or bought) you'll receive a ticket. At the end of the evening a ticket is drawn and the winner goes home with half of the donated flies. The club keeps the remainder for uses at the regular meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS

General Meetings will be the fourth Tuesday of the month at Kay's Bar-B-Q, SR 520, Cocoa; Dinner at 6 pm; Meeting from 7-9 pm.

October 24 **Capt. Jim Ross** will provide his "Snook in the Surf" program. Jim's programs are always current and provide lots of information on what to use, how to use it and where to fish.

Drawing Prizes:

- Travel Wallet
- Set of Glasses (4)
- Rod Repair Kit
- Knife Set (Exacto)
- Super Glue (Card of 6)
- Set of Beer Mugs (2)
- Tarpon Pin donated by **Ken & Lori VanderLaske**

November 28 **Capt. Tom Van Horn** will be presenting a program on "Winter Shad Fishing" just in time for the upcoming shad season.

FISHING TRIPS

October

The Casting Clinic will take the place of this month's trip. There are several lakes and the St. Johns River very near Burton Smith Park and those who wish to fish following the clinic will be able to do so.

November 18

We'll be heading for KARS Park in November. There's a little bit for everyone. Those wanting to canoe or kayak can head north from the ramp and those with motorboats can fish south of the ramp. CAUTION: You must either have a KSC or Contractor badge or be escorted by someone with a badge to enter the area, so don't be late getting to the gate. The time to meet at the gate will be made known at the October meeting and will also be in the November newsletter. Because of the restricted access, you will very much enjoy very little traffic on the water in this area. Sign up sheets will be available at the October meeting.

HEY, BOATERS! LISTEN UP: It would really help if everyone with a boat would sign up separately and not pair with another boater on our monthly trips so we can get a lot more non-boaters out there fishing. Thanks for your support.

NEED INPUT: We would very much like to increase the participation in our fishing trips. To do that, we'd like your input. Tell us where you would like to fish--freshwater and/or saltwater. Are we missing your favorite spots? Are you interested in trying other places around the State? Are you interested in a combined fishing and camping trip? Would you be interested in occasional trips on a weekday instead on a Saturday? Tell us what we can do to make your trips more enjoyable. Send your emails to either **Tom Gillen** tgillen@cfl.rr.com or **Ned Scheerhorn** thescheerhorns@gnc.net.

FOR SALE

CLUB SHIRTS, CAPS, and DECALS

Your club has just purchased a supply of beautiful FFFA embroidered baseball-style caps with the club's emblem. The caps are beige in color with either a navy blue or a green bill and trim (your choice). They also have a Velcro strap so that the hat can be adjusted to fit all sizes. These fishing caps will be sold for \$15 each at the next meeting. In addition, we can order polo style shirts with the club logo and a pocket for \$20 prepaid for S, M, L, & XL. (Larger sizes are available for a little more.) Order them at one meeting and get them at the next. We have 2 sizes of decals available which are great for your auto, fishing box, etc. \$1 and \$2 each. Two of our earlier white hats are still available at a great price of \$10 each. Each of the items available is a great way to show involvement.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CASTING CLINIC:

When: 10/21/06

Time: 9 am – 1pm

Where: Burton Smith Regional Park (2 miles west of the 520/524 intersection on SR520, south side. Be careful of the road construction). Come to the Sable Park Pavilion (first pavilion on the right). **Lunch** will follow the clinic.



Let's have a good turn out. This is not an occasion to be critical of one's casting ability, but to help everyone improve. We all form bad casting habits without realizing it. There is no better way to improve than to have others observe and point out both faults and good points. Bring your rods and be ready to throw that fly 80 ft (we wish). There will be a kayak available for anyone to try. It is different casting from a sitting position with line piled up in front of you. This program will benefit everyone—not just beginners. We would like to have an idea of the attendance. Please contact **Tom Gillen**, 449-0193, after Oct 11 and no later than Oct 19. Please help us on this.

ROD BUILDING CLINIC:

An introductory rod building class will be held after the fly tying session at the October workshop. Four people have already signed up, but there is room for two more. Contact **Jim Wood** if you're interested. The actual hands-on building will be at Tom Gillen's garage on a day and times to be determined by Jim, Tom and the participants.

LIBRARY DISPLAY

The month of November belongs to the FFFA at the Cocoa Library's main showcase. If anyone has anything they would like to add to the display, please call **Ned Scheerhorn**.

HOLIDAY PARTY – December 2

This year's party is at Kiwanis Island from 7-10 p.m. Full details of the party, including directions, will be in the November newsletter. However, if you would like to participate in the gift exchange (strictly voluntary), you may want to start shopping now. The gift should be valued at \$15, wrapped and not marked as to whom it is from or the gender of the person it is for. The gift can be fishing oriented, but doesn't necessary need to be related to fishing. Anyone who attends the party is welcomed to participate in the exchange if they care to. The party is open to members and their family. Singles may bring a guest. However, under no circumstances, should you bring a spouse and a significant other.

At least two prizes will be given the night of the party. First ticket drawn has a choice of a Scientific Angler Rod, Reel and Line combo or a Wooden Rod Rack hand-

crafted by Tom Gillen. The holder of the second ticket drawn will receive the remaining prize. You do not need to be present to receive these two prizes, but we hope you will be. There may also be other prizes that night to be won by attendees only. More details will be in the November newsletter. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets will be sold at the October and November meetings and at the party.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Mudhole Open House

October 7, Oviedo, FL, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Bring your family & friends to the first annual Open House of Mudhole, 400 Kane Ct, Oviedo FL 32765 in Oviedo! You can meet and talk to representatives from your favorite manufacturers. Meet fellow rod builders and exchange tips & tricks, stories and have a great time. There will be FREE food, drinks, games for the kids, displays & rod building demonstrations for all to enjoy & learn. You be able to tour Mudhole's 14,000sq-ft facility, touch & feel over 900,000 rod building items, bend thousands of blanks, learn some new rod building techniques & enjoy the company of fellow rod builders. "We hope you will join us for this fun filled & learning event!"

For more information and to register just go to Mudhole.com. As a token of their appreciation they will email you a coupon for \$10 off your purchases at the Open House! **NOTE:** \$10 Coupon valid on in-store purchases made 10/07/06 only

Directions: SR528 west to SR417 north, right on Red Bug Lake Rd, left on SR426 (Aloma), right on Aulin (behind Florida Rocks) and right on Kane. Or take SR50 to SR417 north and follow above instructions.

"MEET THE EXPERTS"

Dec 1, LaCita, Titusville, FL, 7 p.m.

Renzetti (vises) is hosting this event. Experts include Lefty Kreh, Bob Clouser, Flip Pallet and many others. Only 75 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$60 each. Autographed books, including some that are out of print, will also be sold and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Proceeds will go to the Kids' Fishing Clinic at the Port and to the Brevard County Alzheimer's Day Care Center in Titusville.

FLY FISHING SEMINARS & DEMOS

Dec 2, 8800 Grissom Pkwy, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Renzetti will have the experts provide demonstrations and seminars free to the public at their facility. The FFFA and others will have displays and demonstrate fly tying—using vises provided by Renzetti, of course. Anyone who would like to do some fly tying or casting should contact **Ned Scheerhorn**.

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Notice: The Fly Fisherman provides a 5% refund twice a year to the club for purchases made by its members. So, be sure to identify that you are an FFFA member when you make a purchase at the Fly Fisherman. If you don't have a membership card get one.



"I'd like to talk to you about your casting practice."

2006 CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, the following days and locations apply:

Board Meetings, Cocoa Library, 1st Monday, 7 pm
Workshops, Cocoa Library, room 2, 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm
General Meetings, Kay's Bar-B-Q on SR520 in Cocoa, 4th Tuesday (6 pm dinner, 7 pm meeting, 7:30 pm program)

- Oct 18 **Workshop**
 Program: Articulated Marabou Fly
 Presenter: Dennis DeMuth

- Oct 21 **Casting Clinic**
 Location: Smith Burton Park
 Time: 9 am – 1 pm

- Oct 24 **General Meeting**
 Program: "Snook in the Surf"
 Presenter: Capt. Jim Ross

- October **Fishing Trip replaced with Casting Clinic**

- Oct 29 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
 AT 2 A.M.**

- Oct 31 **HALLOWEEN – Be watchful of the kids.**

- Nov 6 **Board Meeting**
 Note to Board Members: This is a party planning meeting, so please attend.

- Nov 15 **Workshop**
 Program: Peacock Bass Fly
 Presenter: Dave Jester

- Nov 18 **Fishing Trip**
 Location: KARS Park

- Nov 23 **THANKSGIVING**

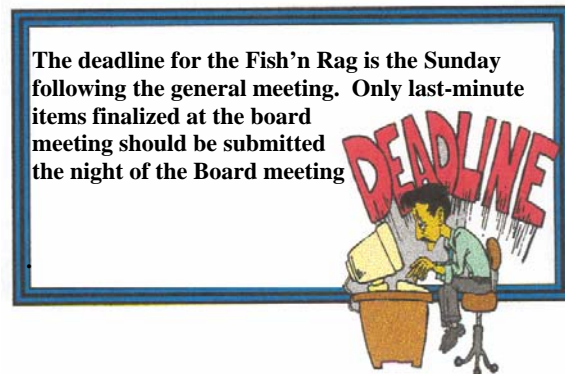
- Nov 28 **General Meeting**
 Program: "Winter Shad Fishing"
 Presenter: Capt. Tom Van Horn

- Nov ? **Fishing Trip**
 Location: TBD

- Dec 2 **Holiday Party**
 Carlton Room, Kiwanis Island
 7-10 p.m.

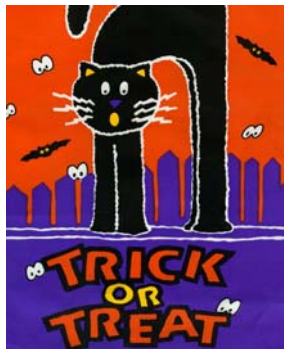
- Dec 4 **Joint Board Meeting**
 Note to Board Members: Members of both the 2006 & 2007 boards should attend to present receipts from the party and to get reimbursed and to transfer records and property.

NOTE: There will be no workshop, general meeting or scheduled fishing trip in December.



ROSTER: Please check your roster for errors and report any to Betty Brown. Thanks.

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