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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are so blessed to be living in Florida. Titusville, Cocoa and Indian River along with Sebastian and Vero Beach, fly fishing is abundant. Fly Fishing in Florida is a great opportunity to really experience Florida's beauty and natural resources.

Well, vacation time is here again. It just seems normal for us to always begin our vacations in June, since my wife taught school for 37 years.

Our first adventure this year we will be traveling to the Wild's of Pennsylvania to enjoy trout fishing. This is the fourth year I will be teaming up with the Backcountry Fly Fishing Club on their annual trek to Kettle Creek. I look forward to this trip each year.

Most of the time we carpool up together as a group, but this year I am going with my wife and she will be visiting her sister in PA and enjoying the laid back atmosphere of the Amish and Pennsylvania Dutch. I will enjoy the great outdoors and the many trout producing creeks.

Remember that our annual Kids Fishing Clinic is June 26th. We always have a good attendance and it is an enjoyable club outreach.

The following day we have our summer picnic at KARS Park in Merritt Island. We look forward to everyone attending and enjoying time sharing our great fishing stories.

Gone Fishing,

Ron

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BUSINESS



BOARD MEETING: The June 7 board meeting has been cancelled. The next board meeting will be July 5 at Ned Scheerhorn's home.

DUES: Check your roster for the date your dues are due. They are \$20 per person plus \$5 for family members, if there are any. Send to the P. O. Box at the top of page 1. Make checks payable to: FFFA.

All dues or membership payment should be given directly to Treasurer Chad Helping or his designated alternate or mailed to the P. O. Box on page 1. DO NOT give cash to another member to turn in.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: If you don't have an FFFA Membership Card, you can get one from Treasurer Chad Helping. Your membership card may need to be presented to our supporters to get discounts for their products or services.

ROSTER CORRECTION

Please make the following correction to the Roster: **Ed Lopez'** phone number should be (352) 455-2286.

MEMBER NEWS

Bill Emrick asks for our prayers for him and his beloved wife, Maggie, who was recently admitted to a nursing home for Alzheimer's patients. In the early years of the FFFA, Maggie was quite active with the club and came to many meetings and all the social activities with Bill. She was quite a social butterfly with a bubbly personality. It is sad for us to think of her as this disease takes away the mind of such a lovely human being. *Bill, our hearts and prayers do go out to both of you.*

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."



Tom Gillen and Paul Thomas, fishing the northwest corner of the Indian River south of the NASA Causeway, caught an 8 lb trout that was 29" long. It was caught on a spook though.

Jim Glass (5/29): "Just got back from fishing the Pine Island area with four of our grandkids and their parents. We had a lot of fun fishing. My son fought a 180 lb. tarpon for 2.5 hrs and, when we got it to the boat, another boat crossed over his line and broke it off. Then I hooked a 120 lb tarpon that I fought for .5 hrs and my son fought for another hour. The mate had his gloves on and was ready to grab it when a 12 ft. hammerhead came after it and bit the line. My son-in-law got a 26-inch red that weighed 8.5 lbs. The kids had fun with trout and ladyfish. Our fishing guide (Chris Whitman, 239-229-3656) was excellent and I highly recommend him."



Ryan Ringrose, age 10 with 18" trout



Jim Ringrose with 8.5 lb red.

Jack Little and Bill Craig went 18 miles off Sebastian and caught one triple tail but no cobia.

Ed Lopez fished between Cabbage Island and Haulover Canal and caught big trout at daybreak against the sandbar northwest of Cabbage Island. He says there are loads of them.

Ned Scheerhorn: “A recent Sunday I fished a private creek and small lake near Melbourne with my kayak and did well on warmouth, bluegills, and bass. I tried out a new 3wt rod combo and had a great time. Flies that worked well were the foam spider with chartreuse legs and the small reverse tied gurgler with green foam body and chartreuse legs. These were flies we tied up in last year's workshop. They still are working great!”



Betty Brown has received reports from several people that Lake Poinsett, Middle River and Lake Winder are teeming with large bass, shellcrackers and bream so large you can hardly get your hand around them.



GMAPP

Top Freshwater Species for June

Bluegill	83 Total; 37 in Lake Poinsett
Spotted Sunfish	67 Total; 36 in St. Johns River
Warmouth Sunfish	21 Total; 21 in St. Johns River
Florida Gar	14 Total; 7 in St. Johns River
Jaguar Guapote	14 Total; 9 in Residential Canals
Sunshine Bass	13 Total; 12 in Lake Washington
Oscar	9 Total; 6 in Tamiami Trail
Redear Sunfish	9 Total; 6 in Lake Washington
Largemouth Bass	6 Total; 2 in St. Johns River

Top Saltwater Species for June

Ladyfish	87 Total
Atlantic Moonfish	77 Total; 77 in Port Canaveral
Spotted Seatrout	45 Total; 28 in Banana River
Tarpon	43 Total; 39 in Sebastian River
Snook	41 Total; 28 in Sebastian River
Atlantic Cutlassfish	39 Total; 39 in Port Canaveral
Lookdown	37 Total; 37 in Port Canaveral
Sea Catfish	27 Total; 23 in Sebastian River
Red Drum	20 Total
Gafftopsail Catfish	14 Total; 12 in Sebastian River
Gray Snapper	14 Total; 9 in Sebastian River

MEMORIES

May Workshop

Randy Cleveland introduced an oldie-but-goodie. “Cliffy’s Go-To Fly” was designed by Phil (Cliffy) Clifford many years ago. Randy tried it on the water a few months ago and it slew the fish. He hopes you have equal luck with it.



Enjoying this workshop were **Ed Lopez, Al Luther, Mac MacIver, Jon Mallory and Sigmund Sarkady** in addition to three students and a teacher from Jefferson Middle School. [See the report on the JMS on the next page.]



Teacher **Scott Guisbert** and **Ed Lopez** tying while the students watch.

May General Meeting

Capt. Mike Badarack, of Space Coast Fly Fishing Charters, was guest speaker in May. He shared experiences inshore and offshore from the Mosquito Lagoon to Sebastian and brought lots of tips on catching tarpon, snook and many other fish that traverse the Indian and Banana Rivers and Sebastian Inlet. It was an excellent program.



To learn more go to www.spacecoastflyfishing.com.

Prizes were won by:

- Jim Aubrook** Mark Sosin's book "Salt Water Fly Fishing"
- Rick Cannon** Cap "Born to Fish—Forced to Work"
- Denny DeMuth** DVD: "Sport Fishing – Albacore" donated by **Gini McKain**
- Dave Jester** Reference Book
- Jack Little** Folding Anchor for a kayak or canoe
- Steve Lo** Fly Tying Reference Book & Assorted Fly Tying Materials
- Al Luther** Grab Bag donated by **Harry Goode's Outdoor Shop**

COMING EVENTS

WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 -7:45 p.m. in Room 2 at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa

Jun 8

Jack Little will be tying a "JL Clouser" using rabbit fur. Material packages will be available for \$1 on a first-come/first-serve basis. Experienced tiers with extra vises are asked to bring them along, so those without can try their hand at tying.

Randy asks that anyone interested in doing a workshop (fly tying, knots, rod/line components, etc.) to contact him as soon as possible.

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.

Jun 22

NOTE THAT THERE ARE 5 TUESDAYS IN JUNE—OUR MEETING IS the 4th TUESDAY

Paul & Jennifer Syplen of the Wildlife Center of Central Florida will discuss wild animal rescues, a subject we have not covered before, which should be very interesting.

FISHING TRIPS

Jun 27 - Fishing Trip & Picnic

It's been a long time, but we are once again having a family picnic. It will be at KARS Park. Meet at the Tiki Hut at noon. The club will provide burgers and dogs, iced tea and water. Everyone should bring a covered dish with serving utensil and your own drinks if you want anything other than the club-provided iced tea and water.

If you would like to go fishing, come early. You will not be able to take a motor boat north of the ramp, but you can use one if you're going south.

Give **Randy Cleveland** a call if you plan to attend so he will be sure to have enough meats and iced tea.

MEMORIAL FUND RAFFLE

Jim Glass will have a custom-made 8wt fly rod from D&R Custom Rods at the June meeting to show the type of rod we will raffle at the August meeting for the Memorial Fund Raffle.

The winner will have the option of accepting that rod OR he/she can order another custom-made rod of equal value OR order one of higher value and pay the difference. However, if you choose something other than the rod available at the raffle, you will have to wait 4-6 weeks for your new rod.

Tickets will go on sale at the June meeting. They will be \$5 each of 5 for \$20.

HELPING OTHERS

BOY SCOUTS

Jun 23

Jon Mallory will be helping a Boy Scout troop learn about fly fishing on June 23 at Burton Smith Park. If you'd like to come along to expound your words of wisdom—or just watch—give Jon a call. At the May meeting, Jon did not have a time; but, if you sign up, he'll let you know when he has the info.

KIDS' FISHING CLINIC

Jun 26

The 16th Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic, presented by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Canaveral Port Authority will take place on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at the Port Canaveral Cruise Terminal #3, South Entrance—next to Jetty Park. Registration for the kids is from 9 am – 12 pm. This "catch and release" event is for children under age 16 who are accompanied by an adult. Free Shakespeare fishing combos will be given away to participants upon completion of the clinic while supplies last. The earlier you get there (6:30 am), the greater your chance of getting a volunteer T-shirt in your size. **Jon Mallory** is the coordinator for the FFFA.

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL'S Fly Fishing Club



(Left to right) Teacher **Scott Guisbert**, **Alec Ille**, **Chris Howell**, **Justin Marion-Mazany**, and FFFA Fly Tying Instructor **Randy Cleveland**

As always, FFFA members love to get kids involved in fly tying and fly fishing. When **Jon Mallory** got together with long-time friend **Scott Guisbert**, who is really into fly fishing, they agreed the FFFA could teach his students with a similar passion to take on a hobby that will last through their entire adult lives.

Per Scott: "Jon has been a guest speaker for the JMS fishing club that meets during our school's club hour once every other week. Jon gave a demonstration of his pen top trash lures that are homemade from trash. The students really liked the idea and enjoyed his show. Jon invited all students to a fly fishing clinic at the Cocoa library on May 11 called the go-to-fly tying session."

On May 11, **Jon Mallory**, **Randy Cleveland**, **Ed Lopez Al Luther**, **Mac MacIver** and **Sigmund Sarkady** showed the boys how it was done. It only took a short time before the boys were tying their own flies as you can see below.



Justin Marion-Mazany and **Randy Cleveland**



Chris Howell watching Randy intently



Alec Ille tying on his own

Thanks, Jon and Scott, for letting the FFFA get involved in this project.



Casting for Recovery—Florida will hold a fund raiser on July 24 at the Fly Fisherman in Titusville. A flier and a newsletter will be issued the first week of June.

Our thanks to Randy Cleveland for volunteering to handle the fly casting contests at the fundraiser; and to FFFA Supporters--The Fly Fisherman and Harry Goode's Outdoor Shop--for support above and beyond.

...Betty Brown, CFR-FL Planning Team

FOR SALE CLUB SHIRTS, CAPS, and DECALS

The club has a supply of beautiful FFFA embroidered baseball-style caps with the club's emblem. The fishing caps will be sold for \$15 each at the general meetings. 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. (Women's and children's sizes are also available.) All shirts are available in a variety of colors. Order them at one meeting and get them at the next. We have 1-1/4 inch pins with the club logo on them (same as page 1 of the Rag) that are suitable for hats, jackets or shirts for \$5; Fisherman Angel pins are available for \$1 and we still have 2 sizes of decals available which are great for your auto, fishing box, etc. \$1 for \$2 each. Each of the items available is a great way to show club involvement. Why not wear a cap or shirt when you visit seminars, demonstrations or our Supporters? **See Donna Gaber.**

ARTICLES OR "WANTED" OR "FOR SALE" ADS

If you have an article, a "For Sale" or "Wanted" ad, or anything else you'd like included in the next newsletter, please give the information to **Betty Brown** no later than the Sunday following the general meeting:

Email: lizbrown@cfl.rr.com
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FWC NEWS

For immediate release: May 7, 2010
Contact: Tony Young, 850-488-7867

Sportsmen save money if they buy early

There will be an increase in the cost of some of Florida's hunting and saltwater fishing permits, beginning July 1. If sportsmen act now, however, they can beat the price increase.

On July 1, 2010, the cost of a turkey permit will go up from \$5 to \$10 for Florida residents and from \$100 to \$125 for nonresidents. In addition, Florida waterfowl permits will increase as well, from \$3 to \$5.

The cost of two saltwater fishing permits also will go up July 1. The snook permit will increase from \$2 to \$10, and lobster permits will increase from \$2 to \$5.

Until July 1, though, sportsmen can buy all of these permits at the current prices, and all permits are valid for one year after the date of purchase.

There also is a new deer permit that will be required whenever hunting deer in Florida, beginning during the upcoming 2010-2011 hunting season. The

permit will cost \$5 and will not be available for purchase until July 1.

Those with a Sportsman's License, Gold Sportsman's License, 64 or Older Sportsman's License, Military Gold Sportsman's License, Lifetime Hunting License or Lifetime Sportsman's License will not need to purchase the new deer permit because it has already been included in each of these licenses, even if they were purchased before July 1.

However, the deer permit is not included with a hunting license, combination hunting/freshwater fishing license, combination hunting/freshwater/saltwater license or a five-year hunting license. Anyone hunting deer with either of these licenses must also buy the \$5 deer permit to hunt deer legally.

All permits and related licenses can be purchased at county tax collectors' offices, retail outlets that sell fishing and hunting supplies, online at www.fl.wildlifelicense.com or by calling toll-free 888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356).

For immediate release: May 27, 2010
Contact: Lee Schlesinger, 850-487-0554

Gulf red snapper recreational harvest season set to reopen

The recreational harvest season for red snapper in Gulf of Mexico waters off Florida reopens on June 1. The harvest season is scheduled to remain open until July 24 this year.

Anglers may take two red snapper daily from Gulf waters during the open season; however, the captain and crew of for-hire vessels in the Gulf may not keep the recreational bag limit. The minimum-size limit for recreational red snapper in the Gulf is 16 inches total length.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is increasing its efforts to collect and analyze information on the number of red snapper caught in the Gulf during the open season. By surveying fishing activity on a weekly basis, fisheries managers will have the information they need to possibly adjust or extend the Gulf red snapper sport fishing season, if it is warranted.

For more information about [red snapper management and regulations](#), go to MyFWC.com/Fishing.

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2010 CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, the following days and locations apply:

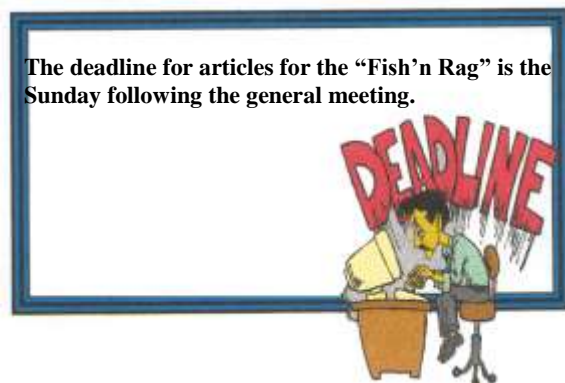
Board Meetings, 1st Monday of the month, 7-9pm; location as stated below

Workshops, Cocoa Library, 2nd Tuesday of the month; 2nd floor, room 4; 6:30 – 7:45 pm

General Meetings, Kay's Bar-B-Q on SR520 just west of Clearlake Rd in Cocoa, 4th Tuesday (6 pm dinner from menu, 7 pm meeting, 7:30 pm program)

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| <p>Jun 7 Board Meeting Cancelled</p> <p>Jun 8 Workshop
 Program: JL's Clouser
 Presenter: Jack Little</p> <p>Jun 20 FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>Jun 21 First Day of Summer</p> <p>Jun 22 General Meeting
 Program: Wild Animal Rescues
 Presenter: Paul & Jennifer Syplen
 Wildlife Center of
 Central Florida</p> <p>Jun 23 Boy Scouts Learning about Fly Fishing
 Burton Smith Park, SR520 east of the
 St. Johns River
 Contact: Jon Mallory</p> <p>Jun 26 Kids' Fishing Clinic
 Port Canaveral Cruise Terminal 3
 9 am – 12 pm</p> <p>Jun 27 Fishing Trip and Picnic
 Location: KARS Park Tiki Hut
 Fishing at daybreak
 Picnic at noon at the Tiki Hut
 Bring a covered dish and your drinks</p> <p>Jul 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> <p>Jul 5 Board Meeting
 Location: Ned Scheerhorn's</p> <p>Jul 13 Workshop</p> <p>Jul 27 General Meeting</p> <p>Jul 31 MIWR Clean up & Fishing Trip</p> <p>Aug 2 Board Meeting
 Location: Rick Anderson's</p> <p>Aug 10 Workshop</p> <p>Aug 24 General Meeting
 FFFA's 29th Anniversary</p> <p>Aug 28 Fishing Trip</p> | <p>Sep 6 LABOR DAY</p> <p>Sep ? Board Meeting
 Location: Ron Nemetz'</p> <p>Sep 14 Workshop</p> <p>Sep 23 First Day of Autumn</p> <p>Sep 28 General Meeting</p> <p>Oct 2 Fishing Trip</p> <p>Oct 4 Board Meeting
 Location: Donna Gaber's</p> <p>Oct 11 COLUMBUS DAY</p> <p>Oct 12 Workshop</p> <p>Oct 26 General Meeting</p> <p>Oct 30 Fishing Trip</p> <p>Nov 1 Board Meeting
 Location: Jim Glass'</p> <p>Nov 9 Workshop</p> <p>Nov 11 VETERANS' DAY</p> <p>Nov 23 General Meeting</p> <p>Nov 25 THANKSGIVING</p> |
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The deadline for articles for the "Fish'n Rag" is the Sunday following the general meeting.



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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
June 20