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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month we celebrate the 4th of July. The holiday weekend brings out, fireworks, family picnics, and boating on our local lakes and rivers. We need to be careful when boating during this holiday weekend because of a lot of inexperienced people on the water. We also need to take time to reflect on the meaning of the 4th; our independence and the land of the free.

My fly-fishing trip to PA was awesome. The fishing was excellent and, as always, it is good to get out and spend some time with nature in different locations. If you are interested in being part of this trip next year to PA, let me know and I will give you all the information.

This year's kids' fishing clinic at the Port was well attended. There were over 350 attendees. I spent the day at one of the information tables demonstrating fishing tackle and safety and fishing regulations. I would like to thank all that did attend. Without your awesome service, events like this could not be as successful.

The fishing trip KARS Park and picnic was great. The fishing report was few fish were caught which were small trout and ladyfish. The picnic was excellent with plenty of food for all. Randy Cleveland did a great job in organizing the fishing trip and picnic.

Hope you had a happy 4th of July.

Ron

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BUSINESS



BOARD MEETING: The next board meeting will be August 2 at Rick Anderson'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 CHANGE

Jim Glass' email is now jglass24@live.com



GMAPP

Top Freshwater Species for July

Bluegill	82 Total; 37 in Stick Marsh
Warmouth Sunfish	20 Total; 19 in St. John's River
Black Crappie	15 Total; 14 in Lake Poinsett
Butterfly Peacock	12 Total; 2 in Tamiami Trail Canal
Largemouth Bass	10 Total; 9 in Lake Washington

Top Saltwater Species for July

Spotted Seatrout	75 Total; 41 in Indian River
Atlantic Moonfish	42 Total; 42 in Port Canaveral
Ladyfish	32 Total; 18 in Indian River
Lookdown	26 Total; 25 in Port Canaveral
Atlantic Cutlassfish	24 Total; 24 in Port Canaveral
Red Drum	23 Total; 12 in Mosquito Lake

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."

Betty Brown is getting reports from anglers that nearly all of the freshwater lakes in Brevard, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties are producing more and larger fish than in many years—bass up to 10 lbs and bream so large you can't put your hand around them. We haven't seen this kind of fishing in freshwater for quite some time. BIG gators are out in record numbers as well; even the Poinsett canals have them up to 11 feet.

From **Jim Glass**: "I am resting today (7/4), just got back from the Keys. We went on a charter Friday and fished the "Hump" off of Alligator Reef (Islamorada)...We did great got about 20 dolphin and 4 Black-fin Tuna. My son-in-law from Michigan used a 12-wt and got 6 dolphin. I couldn't use a fly rod, too windy and rough for me. We had windy weather for the whole week but we fished the "back country" for snapper and caught enough for the 16 of us to have a fish fry. The people in the Keys are really worried about the oil spill and the FWC closing the fishing down....sure hope it stays away."

From **Capt. Jim Ross**: On a trip to the Keys the first weekend of June, he caught the largest permit he's ever caught—25 lbs. Robin caught tarpon ranging from 40-100 lbs. Jim's son JJ caught tarpon in the 40-45 lb range.

MENTORING

We're going to try a new experiment at our monthly meetings. Those who have volunteered to mentor will present a different issue every month just before the break and then will be available during the break to answer any questions you may have. By making this information available at the meeting, we hope more people will take advantage of the mentoring opportunity. If a special session outside the meeting needs to be set up, such as for learning casting techniques, that will be made available at the convenience of the mentor and those requiring mentoring.

We hope you will give us feedback on these mini sessions that are being made for your convenience.

MEMORIES

Jun 8 Workshop

Jack Little tied a “JL Clouser” using rabbit fur at the June workshop with **Randy Cleveland, Al Luther** and Jon Mallory attending.

Jun 22

Paul & Jennifer Syplen of the Wildlife Center of Central Florida discussed their wild animal rescues. It is a very interesting and exciting program, but needs the help of all of us to continue. They are not funded by any organization. It is the people of our community that makes it all possible, through donations of money, food and household items.

A “Wish List” is attached for those who would like to provide items to make it possible to sustain the animals and provide for their welfare and comfort. All help is very much appreciated.

Jun 27 - Fishing Trip & Picnic

We had seven folks show for the fishing trip. Though there weren't many fish caught, everyone had a good time. Thanks to **Randy Cleveland** and **Ned Scheerhorn** for cooking for the picnic. Unfortunately, not very many attended. Weather could have been a factor; and, therefore, it was discussed at the July 5 board meeting to move the picnic to March when it is cooler and our snowbirds are also here. If you have any other ideas, please bring it to our attention at the next meeting.



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

NOTICE: Due to vacations and family outings, the July and August workshops are cancelled. We will pick up again in September—if the hurricanes allow.

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.

July 27

Captain Robert Jaspers will do a program on fishing the No Motor Zone. Those who know Capt. Jaspers tell us this will be a superb program.

Prizes for the evening:

- FLW Waist Tackle Kit donated by **Jim Glass**
- 30 Issues (10 yrs) of “City Fisher Newsletter” donated by **Jim Wood**
- Zebco Cap donated by **Gini McKain**
- Scientific Angler Classic Stripping Basket donated by **Scientific Angler**
- Purist Deluxe Floating Fly Line WF11F
- Grab Bag donated by **Harry Goode Outdoor Shop**

FISHING TRIPS

July 31

We haven't been to the Stick Marsh for a very long time, but that's where we're going this month. The reports coming from anglers who have been there the bass and bream are hitting big time. **Randy Cleveland** will have a sign up sheet and directions at the July 27 meeting.

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

CUB SCOUTS

Jun 23

Jon Mallory, along with Jim Glass and Al Luther helped a Boy Scout troop learn about fly fishing on June 23 at Burton Smith Park.



KIDS' FISHING CLINIC

Jun 26

The 16th Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic was a great day for kids of all ages.



Beth Clifford

Carol Mallory



Al Luther with fishing buddy



Girls like fishing...but not touching.



July is here and so is the Casting for Recover--Florida fundraiser on July 24 at The Fly Fisherman in Titusville. A flier and a newsletter were mailed to you the first week of June.

If you can not commit to donating an item for the silent auction, then please do come to the fundraiser and bid on something or make a cash donation. It's for a very worthy cause and CRF-FL needs your help. Much of the money needed for the retreat will be coming from the July fundraiser. We need to raise \$15,000 for Florida's first retreat which will take place at La Cita in Titusville from November 5-7, 2010.

CFR-FL thanks Randy Cleveland for volunteering to handle the fly casting contests; Capt. Jim Ross for demonstrating fly casting; The Fly Fisherman for donating the venue and helping with the set up; and Harry Goode's Outdoor Shop for their donation to the silent auction and the fly casting contest prizes.

The retreat combines fly fishing, counseling, medical expertise and breast cancer recovery for 14 participants who are selected by a random lottery. If you are a breast cancer survivor or know someone who is who would like a chance to participate Florida's first retreat, here's all you need to qualify: you must be a Florida resident, have your physician's written consent and apply online at www.castingforrecovery.com by the August 27, 2010, deadline. There is absolutely no on-site expense to the participant.

...Betty Brown, CFR-FL Program Coordinator

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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
Phones: 321-504-7881 (H), 321-749-9949 (C)
Snail mail: 855 Clifton's Cove Ct., Cocoa, FL 32926

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.**

FWC NEWS

For immediate release: June 7, 2010
Contact: Henry Cabbage, 850-488-8843

Shoreline fishing license is free to residents, beginning July 1

The shoreline fishing license for Florida residents to catch saltwater fish from shore or a structure affixed to shore cost \$9 last year, but this year, it's free beginning July 1.

The Florida Legislature repealed the shoreline license fee during the past session. However, legislators retained the license requirement to prevent a more-costly federal registration fee from taking effect in Florida.

Resident anglers who obtain the shoreline license over the phone or Internet still will have to pay a convenience fee to the vendor. The convenience fee is \$2.31 for Internet sales at www.fl.wildlifelicense.com or \$3.33 for phone sales at 888-FISH FLORIDA (888-347-4356).

Only Florida residents qualify for a no-cost shoreline license, and the license does not cover fishing from a boat or from land or a structure accessible only by boat. That requires a regular saltwater fishing license: \$17 for residents; for nonresidents the cost is \$17 for three days, \$30 for seven days or \$47 per year.

There are some exemptions for license requirements. More information is available at MyFWC.com/License.

SUPPORTERS

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[Why not wear your club cap or shirt to introduce yourself as a club member?]



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2010 CALENDAR

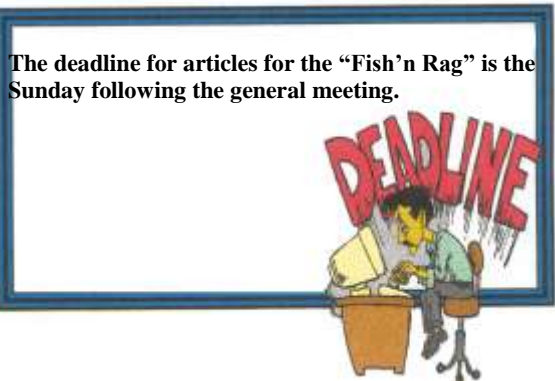
Unless otherwise noted, the following days and locations apply:

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>Jul 13 No Workshop This Month</p> <p>Jul 24 CFR-FL Fun-Time Fundraiser
The Fly Fisherman in Titusville
6-9 pm</p> <p>Jul 27 General Meeting
Program: Fishing the “No Motor Zone”
Presenter: Capt. Robert Jaspers</p> <p>Jul 31 Fishing Trip
Location: Stick Marsh
Sign up at the July 24 meeting or call
Randy Cleveland</p> <p>Aug 2 Board Meeting
Location: Rick Anderson’s</p> <p>Aug 10 No Workshop this Month</p> <p>Aug 24 General Meeting
FFFA’s 29th Anniversary</p> <p>Aug 28 MIWR Clean up & Fishing Trip</p> <p>Sep 6 LABOR DAY</p> <p>Sep ? Board Meeting
Location: Ron Nemetz’</p> <p>Sep14 Workshop - TBD</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> <p>Dec 3-4 Renzetti’s Fly Tying Fest
8800 Grissom Parkway
Titusville, FL
9am-4pm</p> <p>Dec 4 Holiday Party
Location: Bill & Betty Brown’s House
Lake Poinsett
6:30pm</p> |
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