



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August 2021

The July 27th meeting with local guide and IRL advocate, Capt. Rick Worman was a success. He did not disappoint us. Members in attendance got an update on the IRL and current fishing conditions. The best piece of advice he offered was for each of us to keep track of information every time we fish. His success as a guide has a lot to do with the information he has been collecting for over twenty years.

The August general meeting will feature Bill Grady. He was one of our best presenters in the past so we invited him back for more information about fishing the surf with flies. If you want to fish the surf there is no better time than the present. If you listen to the advice Bill will offer us you will be more successful when you get to the beach.

FLORIDA FLYFISHING ASSOCIATION

Do you want a chance to win a brand new Echo fly rod, Waterworks Lamson reel, backing and top tier fly line? This member's only package will be valued at over \$500.00! Richard Goode has put the package together and the raffle is gaining momentum.

The raffle will take place at the September general meeting. It will only be open to members. If you know anyone that is on the fence about joining our Club tell them there is no better time than the present! Raffle tickets will cost \$5.00 so pay your dues and buy raffle tickets at our next meeting!

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Sunrise: A New Beginning

Aww! Sunrise the beauty of a new day beginning... To some sunrise means the splendor of a myriad of colors breaking on the horizon, to some it means the fish are more active and it's time to go fishing (this includes most of you reading this), to some it means a good time to pull up the covers and get one more nap before the alarm. After the long night that COVID represents, this is our club's sunrise, a chance for a new beginning.. Last month's meeting was a preview of what we can be. Members seemed more involved and willing to participate in club activities, be a part of that change. Our board of directors conscientiously made a decision to reward those people who choose to become members and participate with the member's only raffle coming up in September. This is an opportunity only for paid member to win fabulous fly fishing equipment. Don't be surprised to see more raffles like this for members only in the future.

Membership has its's privileges

Rod Crafting:

Club members have had an interest in rod building. In the past, workshops

have been led by Tom Gillian who is no longer active in rod crafting. He returned rod building equipment and materials to the club at the July meeting. Jim Glass has these items and will be making some Calcutta bamboo boat rods. You are welcome to see Jim make a bamboo boat rod; the principle in making a boat rod is the same for a fly rod. If anyone is interested in making a fly rod please contact Jim.

FFFA History:

Jim Glass received a compilation of old FFFA Newsletters from Betty Brown; she was the club's "Rag" editor for 25 years. Jim and other board members are reviewing these old "Rags" and will prepare a history of the club. The club was formed in 1981 and at one time had more members (over 100) than any other fly fishing club in Florida.

Welcome to New Members:

We had 4 new members join the club in July, they are: Bob Madsen, Kenny DeLaHoz, Richard Dockery, and Amir Pishdad,Jr. Make sure to introduce yourself to these new guys and make them feel welcome.

August Club Meeting:

The August meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 pm, dinner from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm**, Come early for dinner and enjoy the fellowship. Our speaker for August will be Bill Grady. Many of you know Bill since he works at Harry Goode's. Bill will be telling us about fly fishing in the surf, an area that many of us are not too familiar with, but based on how the tarpon have literally been rolling in the surf by the hundreds this summer maybe we should learn. Bill is a very

knowledgeable fly fisherman and fly tier, so I'm sure he will have other useful information as well.



Echo Flyrod Rod/Reel Raffle

Make sure your dues are paid so you can purchase a chance to win a brand new Echo flyrod and a Waterworks reel plus fly line. **Only members whose dues are paid in full are eligible to win.** Tickets will be available at the August meeting for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Right now we only have 24 members paid up and eligible to win. If you haven't paid, the August meeting will be a great time to pay up and purchase a bunch of raffle tickets. Don't miss your chance to own this premium rod and reel valued at over \$500.00. Thanks to Harry Goode's for their support in this raffle.





August Monthly Raffle:

Finger stripping guards

Line snipper - Umpqua

Fly line TFO WF7F

Box of Flies



Fishing Reports:

Fly Fishing in Sebastian



The mornings are beautiful and calm as a Norman Rockwell painting south of Sebastian. That's the best part of my fishing trips lately. A few Snook are hitting top water flies until the sun appears on the water, about 7:30 am. Average size is between eight to fourteen inches. Not the size I was catching last summer. The heat has played a big part in the slow bite, with the temperatures heading into the eighties by 8:00 am. I am usually off the water by 10:00 am for fear of evaporating away.

Rain comes every day and has played a significant factor in how many fish get hooked up. I noticed the water is very cloudy and not as high as expected in my

normal fishing spots. The impoundments are still closed off preventing water and bait fish flowing into the lagoon. With dirty water and low water conditions, I missed a few in the deeper holes (two–four feet) where there fish seems to hold up after 8:00 am. The water temperature is around 84 degrees making Snook less aggressive.

August is known for very hot temperatures and slower hook ups. A few Fly Fishing Face Book groups are showing Red Fish are plentiful in the Northern Mosquito Lagoon. I have seen a few, but none wanted what I was offering. One can only look forward to September and October for the Mullet run. There has been plenty of bait fish coming into the lagoon now and expect the remaining year to be a great fly fishing adventure with lots of hook ups and photos.

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