



## *FLORIDA FLYFISHING ASSOCIATION*

### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**September 2021**

Time is the most valuable asset each one of us possesses. There are only 1440 minutes in each day. Account for needed sleep and that leaves about 1000 waking minutes to use for everything that we must accomplish and want to accomplish. Flip Pallot talks about his decision to focus on his passions in the tribute video to Lefty Kreh on our website. If you haven't seen it yet I encourage you to do so.

Each one of us must struggle with how we use and value our time. If you belong to a group you share our passion for fly fishing. I joined the group to learn more about the sport because I am a novice. The people who volunteer their valuable time to help each one of us improve are owed a debt of gratitude.

The August 24th, 2021 general meeting at Kay's BBQ had a good turnout. The featured speaker was Bill Grady. Bill did a great job of educating us on fly fishing the Brevard County surf. We all appreciated the gift of his time and knowledge. Be sure to thank him when you see him at Harry Goode's.

The September general meeting will feature two of our members that are going to share stories about their fly fishing trip to Alaska. Please see the newsletter for more information about what Joe Sherer and Steve Lo have planned for our September 28, 2021 meeting.

Do you want a chance to win a brand new Echo fly rod,

Waterworks Lamson reel, backing and top tier fly line? See Scott Curtis for raffle tickets. The member's only raffle will take place at the September general meeting. It will only be open to members. Be sure to thank Scott for his efforts in designing and procuring the raffle tickets. He had the forethought to purchase raffle tickets that we can use for each of our big raffles. This saved the Club time and money!

We want your help in growing the Club. It is one of the premier fly fishing clubs in the State. To maintain that status we need new members and our board needs some new faces. Some board members have been holding the same position for years. They need a break! We need some of your valuable time!

If you are reading this and have not had a chance to serve on the board we want you to know that elections are coming up in November. Let your board and fellow members know that you want to help before the November general meeting. We will look forward to your fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Last, but not least, we are having a fishing outing on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be at Kiwanis Park on Merritt Island. Bring your boat or wade fish the mangroves that surround the park. Many of us plan to have lunch at Molly's Seafood after we put away our rods. The more the merrier! Check the newsletter for more information. We will take a head count next meeting.

See you at Kay's BBQ on September 28th!

*Stephen M. Moon, Esq.*

## September Club Meeting:

The September meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Kay's BBQ. Dinner will be from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm.** Come early and enjoy the fellowship and fish tales. Our speakers for the September meeting will be a couple of familiar faces, Joe Sherer and Steve Lo. Joe and Steve recently spent a couple of weeks touring the wilds of Alaska, camping and fishing. If we know anything about these two it is that they probably spent 16-18 hours a day fishing (and they have the pictures to prove it). Come and enjoy hearing the tales and maybe get inspired to join them on their next adventure.



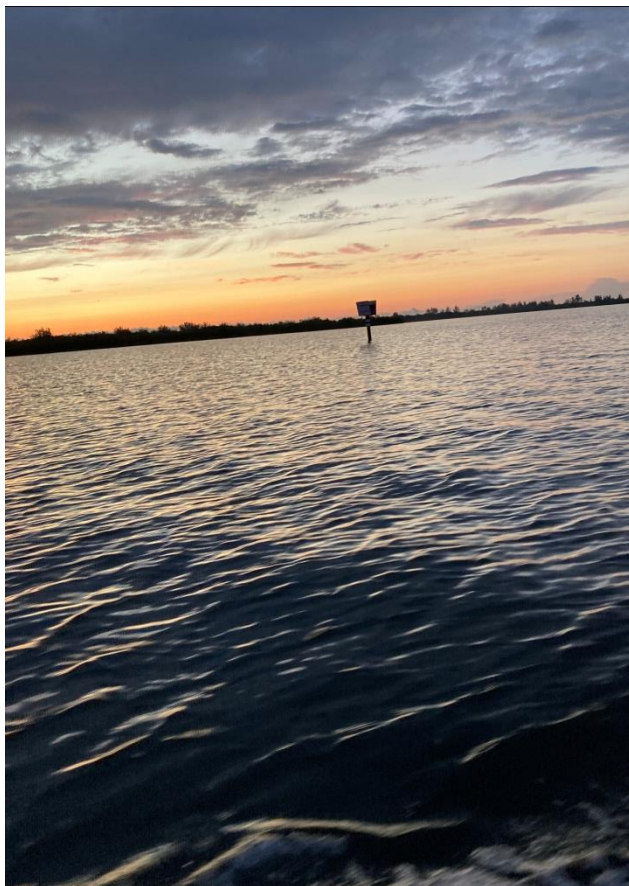
**Echo Flyrod Rod/Reel Raffle .....LAST CHANCE!!!!**

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 & September meetings for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Right now we only have 28 members paid up and eligible to win. If you haven't paid, the September 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. Raffle will be held at the end on the September meeting. There will be no regular monthly raffle in September.





## Fishing With Scott in Sebastian



The mornings are mostly calm, with a little ripple on top and beautiful. Wind has picked up a little, mostly coming out of the North West between 2-4 MPH, with a few still mornings. The best part is the air temperature is around 73-75° until 9:00 am. Water is still around 86°, BUT things are on the move.

I have seen in last couple of trips a lot of bait fish in the Indian River. It's not the Mullet run yet. Baitfish, similar to what I posted on the club's Facebook page, are schooling up and on the move. On my last trip with Don we saw several schools and Snook and Trout near by. The bite and hook up's are also getting better.

Top water is still active during the first part of the morning. Over the last few weeks I have managed to land a nice Tarpon, trout, 15" plus Snook and 20" Redfish. The only downside was that I landed the Redfish not in the traditional fly Fishing way. I did go to church on Sunday to ask forgiveness for not using my fly rod. Craft fur flies have been working well for Trout, a baitfish in white pattern seem to be the trick this summer. I post weekly of the club's group Facebook page @ Florida Fly Fishing Association (group). Join and take part in the fly-fishing conversation. Looking forward to the next meeting.

## FFFA items For Sale

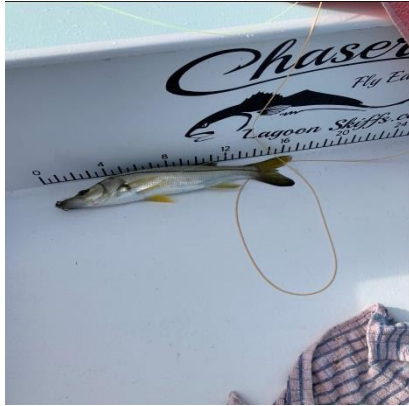
A member has graciously donated over 50 feet of several different colors of Unique Hair for tying flies. We are offering club members bundles of multi colors for \$5 each as a donation to the club. See the below picture. To purchase a bundle see Scott at the next meeting.



FFFA 2"stickers are here, get 2 for a Dollar.  
(See Scott)

## Annul Club Auction (TBA)

It is that time of the year to start preparing for the club annual fundraiser auction. We are desperately in need of Fly-Fishing related stuff for the auction. Get with Scott next club meeting to make any arrangements to donate your stuff.



## Club Outing in October

Join Steve and Scott and others for a morning of fly-fishing on Sykes Creek, Merritt Island and lunch afterwards at Molly's Seafood Shack. Meet Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 am at Kiwanis Park Boat Ramp. Sign up at the September meeting. If you have a boat and can take club members or don't have a boat and need transportation let Scott know ASAP. We will try to pair everyone up at the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you want to skip the fishing, lunch will be at 11:30 am. (Club members will be responsible for purchasing their own lunch). Come out and join us for some t fly-fishing fun and exaggerated fishing tales.

## <<<<Christmas/Holiday Party>>>>

Never too early to start thinking about holidays. This year we will have our annual holiday party and gift exchange on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars. The party and agenda will be the same as previous years, however the venue will change. This year the party will be at Cedar Lakes R.O. Association clubhouse at 450 Maplewood Blvd, Cocoa, FL 32926. Directions, details, etc will follow as we get closer to that date. I think this venue will be a little more centralized for all club members and has all the same amenities as our previous location. Thanks to Jackie Prock and Bob Clouser for procuring our new location.

