



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

October 2021

The September meeting was one of our best. Not only did we enjoy a great presentation from our members, Joe Sherer and Steve Lo, but we also witnessed member, Justice Rivera, win the rod and reel combo valued at over \$500.00.

Joe and Steve captivated us with highlights and photos of their fly fishing trip to Alaska. They kept the trip costs to a small amount. Proof that you do not have to sell an organ to enjoy a trip of a lifetime.

We waited until the end of our meeting to draw the winner of the rod and reel raffle. Scott Curtis took the lead on the raffle and did a fabulous job. Ironically he asked Justice Rivera's young son, Jackson, to pick the winning ticket from the jar. All night long Jackson kept asking Justice to buy more tickets. Justice kept saying no. Jackson learned a great lesson about odds of winning and budgeting!

The FFFA fishing outing at Kiwanis Park, Merritt Island, on Saturday, October 2nd had a good turnout. The water was clear but the fish were playing hard to get. Everyone had a good time despite the low turnout from the

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lady fish, sea trout, reds and tarpon. Most in attendance went to Molly's Seafood restaurant for lunch afterwards. Molly had plenty of fish on the menu for us to enjoy.

Our October meeting features Captain Noah Miller from Southern Water Guide Service. With fall comes cooler temperatures and, hopefully, better fishing conditions. Captain Miller will give you the information you need to make the most of your fall fly fishing expeditions and, if you want to target tarpon, insight on this age old species inhabiting the IRL and Brevard coastline. Don't miss it!

Last month I wrote about time being the most valuable asset each one of us possesses. We each have about 1000 waking minutes per day to use for everything that we need and want to accomplish. How we use and value our time is a struggle. There is never enough time for our recreational pursuits!

I have valued my time as president of this wonderful association. With the exception of the shutdown brought about by Covid-19 I have enjoyed my participation on the board as we sought for ways to grow our association's membership while enjoying our passion for fly fishing.

Elections for our board will take place in November. With the pandemic being brought under control thanks to every one's sacrifices and the vaccinations helping to build herd immunity courthouses are opening back up. My schedule as a trial

lawyer is getting very busy. I need to spend more time assisting my clients and less time at recreational pursuits. I will continue to assist in any way that I can but I need to step back some. My overriding goal will always be increasing membership so that this association will remain one of the best for years to come.

Please consider volunteering this year. Let any of your board members know what role you would be interested in playing for the FFFA in 2022. Seek us out at the October meeting or call us. Although several of the current board members are willing to continue in their position, we still need volunteers to fill vacant positions on the board. The nominating committee will present a slate of recommended officers for 2022 and any member can also be nominated for any position from the floor during the election at the November meeting.

I want to thank Steve Lo for convincing me to assume the role of president. I was reluctant to do so. I wanted to help our association but was a relatively new member. Joining the board felt intimidating. It was not. Dave Harbor guided me through the first year and made the transition from general member to board member an easy one. Don Killingsworth was always prepared and helped me look prepared. Joe Sherer and Scott Curtis handled the raffles efficiently and managed to sell tickets even when the items were not that appealing. Bill Bryant and Justice Rivera handled the books with the skill and

discipline allowing the board to focus on growing membership and planning activities. Aldo Martin was the driving force behind lining up the wonderful speakers we have enjoyed. Jim Glass helped line up speakers too and has kept all of us informed about major developments with the IRL and the various projects pitched by citizens, vendors and politicians. Ron Nemetz has handled merchandise and assisted on almost every Project I can think of. Jim Potamos has given freely of his time when asked. He is willing to assume a greater role on the board and I hope that he does so. Keith Braun and Jackie Prock, our "IT" gurus, have handled the website and Facebook page with skill. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these members for sharing their skills and their valuable time with the FFFA.

Last, but not least, I need to thank all of the membership. We are a small association with a great deal of passion. I have witnessed every member volunteer time and expertise to the FFFA. Some standouts that come to mind are Marcia Ely, Randy Cleveland, Don Foor, Judy Preston, and, Bob Clouser. We would not be considered a premier association without all of these exceptional individuals playing a role in our association's success.

I am truly grateful for and humbled by the people that belong to the FFFA. Thank you for letting me play a small role on the board of such a wonderful association of good, passionate and giving individuals.

Stephen M. Moon, Esq.

October Club Meeting

The October club meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 26th at Kay's BBQ.** As usual dinner is at 6:00 PM and the meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. Come early and enjoy dinner and fellowship and tall tales. Our speaker this month is Captain Noah Miller of Florida Fly Company Charters.. Captain Miller is a Space Coast native and has been fishing the IRL for as long as he can remember. He says that all his life he has been drawn to the water and one of his earliest memories is fishing with his dad. He says "fly fishing is a weird obsession trying to trick fish with a pea sized brain to eat chicken feathers on a hook" Captain Miller will talk about this year's tarpon season. Fly fishing for tarpon is his personal obsession. Come and hear what is sure to be an interesting presentation.



Captain Noah Miller

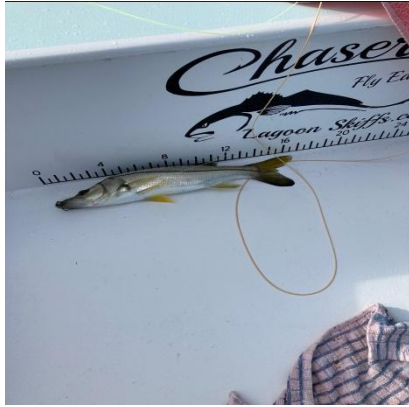
And the winner is

The winner of the Echo Flyrod Rod/Reel Raffle at the September meeting was Justice Rivera.



Thanks to everyone who paid their dues and bought tickets for the raffle. Because of your participation and loyalty to the club this event was a huge success. Thanks also to Harry Goode's for helping us make this raffle affordable. We ask that when possible members support Harry Goode's as well as other local businesses/guides that support our club.





Recent Club Outing :

The October 2nd outing on Sykes Creek, Kiwanis Island Merritt Island was a huge success. We had 5 boats and 9 members show up. Although it was a little breezy the fish were not too cooperative, members did manage to land several lady fish a couple of trout and one nice redfish. After a morning of fishing, several of us had lunch afterwards at Molly's Seafood Shack. All in all it was a very nice trip and we will be planning similar trips in the near future.

<<<Christmas/Holiday Party>>>

As we mentioned last month, the Holiday Party will be at a new location. The party and gift exchange will be on Saturday, December 18th starting at 6:00 PM so mark your calendars. This year the party will be at Cedar Lakes R.O. Association clubhouse at 450 Maplewood Blvd, Cocoa, FL 32926. Directions to the new location are: Take Hwy 520 WEST of I-95 for roughly 0.5 miles, turn SOUTH onto Maplewood Blvd (note turn is between Thunderbolt Fireworks and Dollar General Store) . Continue on Maplewood Blvd until it dead-ends, at about a mile Maplewood makes a slight turn to the right and almost immediately – the clubhouse will be on your left just before you drive into the canal.

Jim Potamos will be contacting you shortly regarding which side dishes that you will bring. Please respond to him so he can coordinate. As usual, the club will provide ham and turkey,



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

Fly Fishing With Scott in Sebastian



The mornings are breezy with mostly an overcast sky. Wind has picked and blowing 6-8 MPH out of the North East. Air temperature first thing in the morning is a chilly 70° until 9:00 am when it peaks into the mid 80°s. Water temperature is dropping every day and hovering around 81°.

Rain has also tapered off, but the rain that does come in the middle of the night dumps a lot that raises the level of the lagoon. I have noticed the higher level while launching my skiff in the early mornings. Water is still very cloudy and dirty which translates into more hook ups with the addition of smaller baitfish and mullet.

There has been plenty of bait fish coming into the lagoon, but have not seen the massive numbers of mullet for October. The Mullet run is less than I expected and believe and fear it's coming to an end with no real movie theatrics for this year. With that said, the fishing is getting a lot better.



Top water is still very, extremely, active during the first part of the morning. Plugs (black bug eye-see picture at top), gurglers and popping shrimp are my go to top water. Trout have been most active during this time and make up the majority of my hook ups. Craft fur flies work the best and delivered a "Snook Morning" last week that I posted on the Face Book page.

I post weekly of the club's group Face Book 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 foot of several different colors of Unique Hair for tying flies. Offering club members bundles of multi colors for \$5 donation to help the club out. See the below picture. To purchase a bundle see Scott at the next meeting.



Annul Club Auction Scheduled for Novembers Club Meeting

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 get your stuff.

October \$1.00 Raffle Items



December Club Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

This years Christmas fundraiser features a “FLY TYER Treasure Trove”; Renzetti Traveler 2300 series Rotary Vise, Regal portable storage case (to carry all the loot away), Anvil Scissors and over \$200 worth of fly tying materials. Cost is \$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20.

