



## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**April 2022**

Many of you missed a real treat last month if you didn't attend the club casting clinic/picnic.

The big treat of the day was a casting clinic provided by Bob Clouser and Joe Sherer. Before lunch, Bob discussed and demonstrated the how to of basic fly casting. After the introduction and demonstrations, Bob personally worked with everyone who volunteered to improve their casting skills for distance and accuracy. I think everyone who participated walked away with a better understanding of how to improve their casting skills.

After the morning session, we all got to enjoy a great meal provided by the club. Thanks to Jim Potamos and his crew for organizing the picnic and providing us with ribs, chicken, sides of potato salad and macaroni salad and other choices such as sandwiches from Jimmy Johns. Everyone there thoroughly enjoyed

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themselves socializing and dining on a great meal.

After the meal the clinic continued with Joe Sherer discussing how to put what everyone had learned to work... the short answer is PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE.

Joe then introduced us to a couple of practice devices that we could use to help us improve our casting accuracy. One was a simple hula-hoop hung a few feet above the ground and the other was a home-made device made of PVC with various sized squares allowing you to cast at different sized targets.

The featured event of the afternoon session was the casting contest. Anyone interested in participating was welcome to test their new found casting skills.

Joe set up the practice devices at a distance of 40 feet for the event. The first round required participants to cast their flyline through four squares on the PVC device. Those who succeeded in the first round could then try to cast their flyline through the hula-hoop set up at a distance of 50 feet. Each person in the final round was given 10 attempts to make a successful cast through the hula-

hoop. The person successfully completing the cast in the fewest attempts was the winner.

After many skillful attempts by the contestants we had a winner successfully completing the task in 8 attempts. The winner was **Al Keller**. For his demonstration of casting prowess, Al was awarded a 6 wt TFO flyrod that was donated by and presented by Bob Clouser.

Everyone in attendance had a great time and we certainly hope to have a similar event next year, so if you missed this one make sure to mark your calendars for the next one.

*Don Killingsworth*

*President*

### **April Club Meeting – April 26th**

Our April club meeting will be held on **April 26th at 7:00 PM at Kay's BBQ**. Social hour/dinner will start at 6:00 PM so come early and enjoy the company.

Our speaker this month will be **Jon Cave**. For those who might not know Jon, he owns and operates one of the premier fly-fishing schools in the country. His schools are designed to take both beginning and experienced anglers from the fundamentals of flycasting to the most advanced techniques. Class size is limited and instruction is customized

to each student's abilities and needs. Consequently, anglers of all skill levels will benefit from this intensive curriculum.

As part of the program, Jon has graciously offered to give us a short casting clinic prior to the meeting. For those of you who would love to benefit from the instruction of a world-class flycasting instructor please arrive at 4:30 PM. Make sure to bring your favorite flyrod. Jon will work with as many individuals as possible prior to the 6:00 PM dinner hour.



*Jon Cave*

## PEACOCKS IN THE GLADES!

This past week I got a chance to check off an item on my bucket list. I have always wanted to catch a Peacock Bass since I first saw one. I finally succeeded thanks to Steve Lo. He took the time to make the trip, to show me techniques, and the flies to put that first brilliantly colored fish in the boat. Steve would not rest until I landed my first Peacock and before the trip was over we both caught numerous Peacocks along with other exotic species. The trip was a great success and I am grateful for his efforts. That's the essence of why we join a club like this, to learn and to share our passion with others. Take another club member on a possible "bucket list" trip.



## FFFA August 2022 Club Auction

**Lamson Waterworks Liquid 3-Pack Fly Fishing Reel 5+, 2 extra Spools, Storage Bag and Mastery Bass Bug WF-6-F line**

**A great deal for Peacock Bass in the Miami Canals. Have one system with interchangeable spools. Go from Floating to Intermediate and Sinking Fly-Lines without buying three different Reels. This is an “All Water Reel” from Lamson for use on 5 and 6 WT rods.**



All members in good standing at the time of Raffle (tentatively scheduled for August General FFFA Meeting) can purchase a chance to win the Lamson Waterworks Liquid 3 –Pack Fly Reel, 2

Spare Spools, WF-6-F line, and Storage Case. Tickets will be available starting at April’s meetings for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Don’t miss out on your chance to own this premium Fly Reel combo package designed for quick and easy interchangeable spools valued at over \$300.00. Thanks to Harry Goode’s for their support in this raffle. All proceeds benefit FFFA club.

## Fly Fishing Film Tour

May 15, 2022 @ 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tickets \$25 – buy at Harry Goodes or online.

