



FLORIDA FLYFISHING ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

May 2022

Last month's meeting was another great one. Our guest speaker Jon Cave came early (about 4:00 PM) and conducted a casting clinic for everyone who was able to get there early. About 15 people were able to participate. Each person got a one- on-one session with Jon to learn some of his valuable casting tips. Each one also got a chance to practice prior to going inside for dinner. With Bob Clouser and Joe Sherer conducting a casting clinic in March and Jon Cave hosting another in April, we should have some really great casting skills within our club!

After dinner, Jon continued with a Power Point program to give us more tips on how to improve our casting skills.

Our club is very privileged to have such talent that will share their knowledge and skills with us.



May Meeting Program:

For our May program speaker we are privileged to have Zach Marchetti, Curator of Donor Engagement and Animal Experiences at Brevard Zoo in Melbourne.



Zach grew up in a small town in mid-coast Maine where he learned to fly fish from his dad who ran a bamboo fly rod restoration and production shop out of their home. Zach developed a love for nature which took him from college in Minnesota to the rainforests of Ecuador where he lived for two years doing field research working on a management plan for a wildlife reserve.

After realizing that he liked *talking* about science more than *doing* science, Zach began his zoo career as a reptile keeper and educator at a small zoo in central Pennsylvania. Over the last fifteen years, he has worked his way through the zoo field in a variety of capacities.

Currently he is the Curator of Donor Engagement and Animal Experiences at

Brevard Zoo in Melbourne, Florida, where he lives with his wife Brigitte, six-year-old son Theron, a golden retriever and three dachshunds. He spends most of his time either in meetings, or getting people excited about conservation work; and occasionally, every once in a while, he gets to go fishing..... We can change this last part and invite him on a fishing trip with us.

Fly Tying Coordinator:

Patrick Murphy has agreed to head up our fly-tying night. Thanks Patrick!! Patrick is an excellent fly tyer and a great instructor. Be sure to come out every third Tuesday night at 7:00 PM to support Patrick plus learn how to tie a great new fly. The fly that he will be teaching us next month (June 21 st) will be..... come early and have dinner with friends. The event is held at Kay's BBQ in Cocoa.

More Peacocks!!

Another trip to the Everglades for Peacock Bass with better than expected results. Several FFFA members made the trip to the Everglades the last couple of days in April and with good weather and low water levels the Peacocks were abundant. Some of the best fishing in a long time, virtually every cast yielded a fish with 90+% being huge Peacocks. Great trip, great fellowship, and **GREAT** fishing!



Bob & Jackie with prize Peacocks

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. Do not 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.

