



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June 2022

This month has been an exciting one for FFFA. Our Facebook page is on fire, 2-3 people daily are requesting access. We now have 150 people following our Facebook page and club members are posting new items almost daily. Great pictures of fish they have caught, flies they have tied, and places they have gone. This platform is a great opportunity for our club recruit new members as well. Make sure to visit it if you haven't already. It is a public site so you can visit and read items but if you want to post anything, you must have access to do so. If you don't have access and would like it, request to join the group and we will grant you access to post items on the page ASAP. The page is self-perpetuating the more we use it the more it grows and the more people that want to join.

Another exciting club activity this month was the BioLab Road cleanup. Eight

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members gathered at the MIWR Tourist Center on May 25th and proceeded to BioLab Road to clean the first mile of the road from Highway 3 to the boat ramp and then South for another $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. This activity took about 2-3 hours and collected several bags of trash.

Afterwards, we all moved to Dixie Crossroads and enjoyed a fantastic lunch together. It was a wonderful morning helping the club give back to the community and enjoying each others company over lunch. The club will be performing this service activity quarterly, so if you missed this one make sure to see Don Foor to sign up for the next one in August.



FFFA members ready for a trip to Dixie Crossroads after a cleanup project at BioLab Road.



Jeanne Curtis standing by sign designating that this section of road is maintained by Florida Flyfishing Association

June Meeting Program:

Our June program will be on **Tuesday June 28th** and will feature Officer Chad Weber from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Officer Weber is the spokesman and public relations officer for 11 counties. He says his desire to work for FWC started at an early age when he saw some officers and thought that it would be an interesting job. When he got out of the Marines, he applied to FWC knowing that it would be an appealing job since he

loves the outdoors, boats, and water. He figured he would get the best of everything being in law enforcement, helping people, and helping animals in an environment he loves.

Officer Weber lists as some of his most unforgettable career moments as being on the Deep Water Horizon response team as well as various hurricane response details.

We had a very poor turnout at last month's meeting so I urge you to attend this meeting. I'm sure Officer Weber can update us on the latest compliance information, give us some entertaining stories related to his career as well as information regarding the proposed changes to the Redfish bag limits.



Officer Weber

Flytying Meeting Nights:

I'm sorry if you missed last month's flytying meeting. You missed Patrick Murphy demonstrating a very interesting crab pattern. The Flexo Crab requires a fair amount of effort to tie but the result is well worth it. We had 10 members show up and everyone was very pleased with their new fly.

This month's meeting **on Tuesday June 21st** promises to be just as good since several members have already signed up for the event on the club Facebook page. You don't have to sign up or register to attend, just show up with you vise and fly tying tools everything else will be provided.

This month Patrick will demonstrate a fly called Murphy's Misfit, a streamer that is an excellent pattern for Tarpon, Snook, Trout as well as many other species. Flytying starts at 7:00 pm, come early and join us for dinner.



Murphy's Misfit

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 are available at all meetings including the August meeting 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.

