

Tight Loops



Issue: 2025-12 Date: December, 2025

Florida Fly Fishing Association

FFFA Christmas Party will be held on December 10th

What: Christmas Party

When: December 10th from 6pm to 9pm

Where: Broken Barrel Tavern

4700 Babcock Street NE, Palm Bay

RSVP to: FFFAevents@gmail.com attn: Clyde L & Rick P

You are welcome to contact Clyde or Rick directly (text)

Free for all FFFA members. Non-members will be charged \$20

Bring \$5.00 for the tip & a wrapped gift valued at \$20 to \$25

- If desired, pay for your own alcoholic beverages

The Broken Barrel Tavern offers an "all you care to eat" buffet. It includes pulled pork pulled rib &/or smoked turkey and slider buns. Side items include BBQ beans, cole slaw, Asian potato salad and a garden salad. 14 choices of BBQ sauce (pick 2). FFFA board members will bring dessert. Non-alcoholic beverages are provided. It's a great location with a private meeting room & great atmosphere.

If you bring a guest, please give \$20 per guest to Daryl G. or Clyde L. We will have a fun gift exchange (Dirty Santa game). Bring a nice, wrapped gift that is worth \$20 to \$25.

FFFA Fly Tying on January 20th at Cocoa Library

aka: Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library **308 Forrest Avenue Cocoa FL 32922**

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FFFA Club Meeting on January 27th at Perkins Restaurant

Our FFFA Club meeting will be held on January 27th at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery located at 8200 N. Wickham RD (1 block from Hwy 95) Melbourne, FL 32940. Long-standing FFFA member Steve Lo will be teaching us about how to catch Shad during January & early February.

Annual Auction on February 24th at Perkins Restaurant

We are now preparing for our Annual Equipment Auction which will take place on February 24th at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery 8200 N. Wickham RD (1 block from Hwy 95) Melbourne, FL 32940

Clyde L. is overseeing this fun event and needs your donations to make this auction a great success. Donations are requested of any items associated with fly fishing from fly fishing rods, reels, art, fly tying equipment, materials to clothing items, tackle bags, boat equipment, etc.

It's Spring cleaning time so organize your equipment and contact Clyde to coordinate dropoff/pickup of those items you no longer need. Proceeds from the auction fund our club's operations including our annual holiday dinner and picnic and allow us to maintain our low membership dues. Don't forget to attend this very fun event!

We delayed the auction to get acclimated to our new location (Perkins Restaurant), first. This will help ensure it runs smoothly. And, January is more timely for learning about how to catch Shad.



Fly of the Month



Materials List

- Size 6 Big Game OS700 Hook
- 210 White Thread
- Small Bead Chain
- Attic Ice Pearl
- Frantic Tails White small (rang #4-8)
- ET Glow Fibers White
- Stretch Magic Wrap Cord (1mm/.039)

Please join us on January 20th at the **Cocoa Library**
aka: Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library
308 Forrest Avenue Cocoa Fl 32922

The meeting begins at 6:30 pm, but please arrive 15 minutes early. Fly tying materials will be provided, but please bring your own vise and tools if you have them. If not, we can provide them for you. Rainy G. will be teaching us to tie a fly to catch Shad.

President's Message

Thanks to Our Florida Fly Fishing Association's Leadership, Our Club's Christmas Dinner is on track to be one of our Club's best programs to date. Current 2025 paid Members are strongly encouraged to submit your attendance intentions asap and I hope all will take part in our gift exchange...as it's always been an exciting part of our celebration.

Also Leadership's search for a new Club Location has been solved with Perkins Restaurant and Bakery as our new home (see attached flyer). All are encouraged to partake in the outstanding menu and deserts by arriving early at our club functions. Let's give this location a few months to live up to our expectations.

The new year 2026, will start out with some opportunities to represent our club in the community. Starting with The Bass Pro Orlando Expo followed by Orlando Home and Garden Show (see our calendar for details). Volunteers are needed to make these events dynamic.

Our Annual Garage sale scheduled in January 2026 will be delayed until February as the expected Shad run in January should be excellent. Rainy is planning a terrific Shad Outing!

Thank you all for your continued trust and support. Let's make 2026 Great!

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Amir Pishdad, Jr.

President, Florida Fly Fishing Association





Tips from Fellow FFFA Club Members: The Winter Blues

I don't know about most of you, but I always get a little depressed around this time of the year. It could be the change in the weather, influx of snowbirds adding to fishing pressure on the water and more traffic on the roads. All the hustle and bustle and stress over the holidays. The visiting relatives and that guilt trip when you get on the scale after all the great food! The main thing is that I have to adjust my approach to fly fishing.

All summer and fall I have been out on the water before sunrise in order to beat the heat. There are also other benefits. You miss most of the heavy traffic both going out and coming home. You have time when you get home to clean up the boat and your gear and still get in a short nap. In winter, I find fly fishing is generally better later in the day when the sun has had time to warm up the water a little. I have to adjust my whole schedule to accommodate fishing later in the day, but you know, now that I am thinking about this, Maybe it's actually a good thing. I get to sleep later in the morning. I can spend more time on the water because the heat is not so intense. I get to spend some time fly fishing for shad and other freshwater species. That's not depressing at all.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everybody, I look forward to seeing you on the water next year, and remember, the shad are coming!

Tight Lines everyone
Rainy G. and Scott C.

Calendar of Events

December 2025

December 10th Christmas Party at Broken Barrel Tavern, Palm Bay

Note: the **club meeting and fly tying will be suspended** until January

January 2026

January 3rd Bass Pro Expo - Orlando

January 9th to 11th Home & Garden Show - Orlando

January 20th Fly Tying: Rainy G fly to catch Shad <= **Cocoa Library**

January 27th Club Meeting: Steve Lo - how to catch shad. <= **Perkins**

January 28th (or February 6th) Shad Run Outing

February 2026

February 17th Fly Tying: Bill L: Clouser Minnow for Peacock Bass

February 24th Auction

February (TBA) Outing

March 2026

March 17th Fly Tying (TBD)

March 24th Club Meeting (TBD)

March or early April (TBA) **Everglades / Holiday Park Outing**

April 2026

April 21st Fly Tying (TBD)

April 28th Club Meeting (TBD)

Email Point of Contact (POC) @ FFFAevents@gmail.com

2026 Board Members & Officers



President
Amir Pishdad, Jr.



Vice President
Clyde Langley



Treasurer
Daryl Gorenflo



Secretary
Don Foor



Activities Director
Rainy Giard



Compliance Director
Jim Potamos



Conservation Director
Bill Ledward



Education Director
Mike Franz



Program Director
Rick Posey

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2026 New Club Meeting Location

Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

8200 N Wickham Road Melbourne, FL 32940

321-752-5200

3rd TUESDAY

5pm - 6pm Board Meeting

630pm - 8pm Fly-tying

4th TUESDAY

630pm - 8 pm Club Meeting

January 20th, 2026 3rd Tuesday Fly-tying

@ Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library

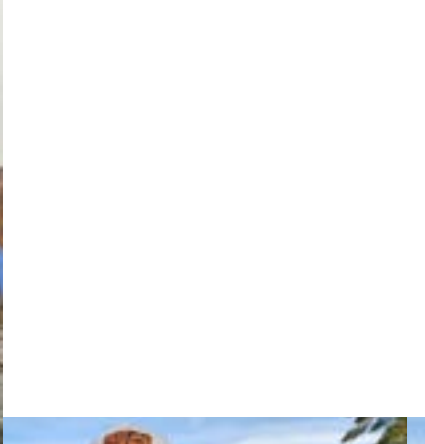
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January 27th 2026 - First Club Function at

PERKINS

Recommend Members attend Early

Enjoy the Fantastic Food & Deserts at PERKINS





FFFA MEMBERS - MISC PICTURES SHARED

Club Sponsors & Discounts



10 % Discount w/FFFA Membership Card



Harry Goode's Outfitters
1231 E New Haven Ave
Melbourne, FL 32901

Hours:
Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm
Sunday - 10am-4pm

Monthly FlyTying
2nd & 4th Thursday
Starting 6pm
Bring Vice & Tying Tools

harrygoodesoutfitters@gmail.com 321-723-4751

FLY TYING - HARRY GOODE'S
2ND + 4TH TUESDAY EACH MONTH
STARTS AT 6PM

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

Contact Amir for more information at
FFFAevents@Gmail.com

FFFA Pop Up Fishing Trips

Date and time selected based on

- 1) Weather
- 2) What species are active and available
- 3) Trips may be planned with only 1 day notice

Trip participants' selection

- 1) Must be a current member of FFFA (with dues paid)
- 2) Must have filled out sign up sheet for Pop up fishing trips
- 3) You must respond to trip notification within 1 hour of first notification. If you don't respond the spot on the trip will be offered to the next person on the list (notifications will be by TEXT Msg)
- 4) When a Boat Captain and fisherman have been paired up it is their responsibility to communicate and set up a time and place to meet, and launch.
- 5) The number of spots open for the trip will be based on the number of boats available. (If you want to participate by kayak let us know by indicating in the BOAT line on the sign up sheet that you are open to fish by kayak if there are no openings on a boat.

The purpose of the POP UP fishing trip

- 1) promote club participation
- 2) Education & Learning by pairing more experienced Fly Fishers with less experienced.
- 3) To solve the problem of our monthly fishing trips usually having bad weather and to get more trips in when the fish are biting and the weather is good
- 4) More Fishing FUN

----- POP UP CLUB FISHING TRIPS SIGN UP SHEET -----

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____

BOAT _____

What size? How many anglers can you comfortably fish?

Fishing days Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Freshwater skill level _____

Saltwater skill level _____

Do you have any areas or type of fishing that you would prefer not to participate in? _____

Email Rainy for more information @ FFFAevents@gmail.com