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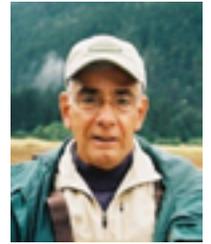


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## President's Message

# The best time of the year



**TCFF President**  
Frank Cuttone

Greeting Fly Fishers. Fall fishing is upon us with good weather and good fishing everywhere. Recent

trips into the Chassahowitzka Wildlife Area, the Mud River, and the Ozello labyrinth have seen plenty of Snook and Redfish, the occasional Barracuda, and scads of hard-hitting Ladyfish. Happy fishing!



**A Clouser Minnow tied by TCFF member Ray Cannata took this keeper Redfish from the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge. See [Fly Fishing w/Lowell, page 8.](#)**

## TCFF Facebook Page

TCFF is now on Facebook ([see page 3](#)). TCFF Communications Director Ruby Turner has set up the Facebook page and it's looking good.

Take a look, post your photos and



the page at: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=tarpon%20coast%20fly%20fishers>.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner at Linda Pedersen Park.

Plenty to eat and good company. Take a look at the photos on [page 6](#).

— Frank



# TCFF Club Officers

<b>President</b> FRANK CUTTONE (518) 487-8895	<b>Treasurer</b> BOB BEBOUT (352) 263-4070	<b>COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR</b> RUBY TURNER (352) 835-1727
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## TCFF Calendar Coming

The TCFF Calendar, which will display upcoming TCFF events, is under construction. A quarterly

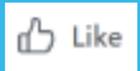
Calendar will appear in the quarterly **Salty Tippet** newsletter and a continually-updated yearly calendar will

appear on the TCFF website at [tarponcoastflyfishers.com](http://tarponcoastflyfishers.com). The TCFF Calendar will be up and running shortly.



TCFF Calendar

# TCFF Is On Facebook



TCFF Communications Director Ruby Turner has set up a Facebook page for the Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers club. Take a look, post your photos, give the page a "Like", and become a follower of TCFF.

TCFF Communications Director Ruby Turner





Gene Andre

The Flies We Use

# Tying the Rattling Minnow



**Technique for Rattling Minnow.**  
Designed for murky water conditions, the Rattling Minnow alerts the fish when visibility is low. Fish the Rattling Minnow near the bottom with a steady jerk, jerk, jerk retrieve.  
— Gene Andre

**What you'll need:**



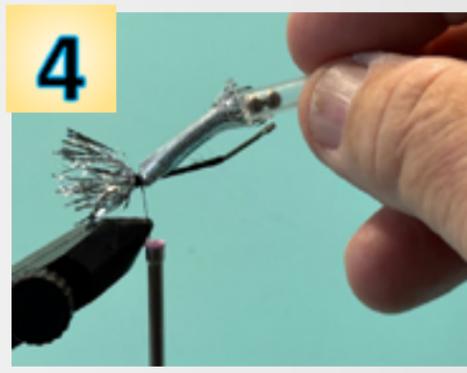
Use long nose pliers to bend back the hook 10-20 degrees.



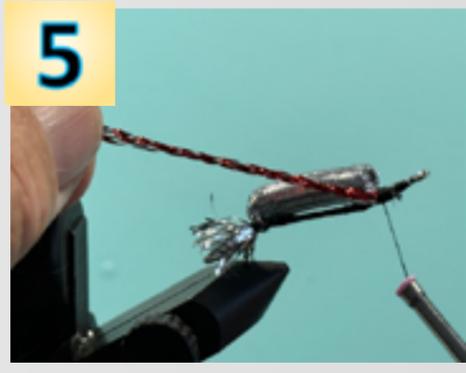
Start the thread at the eye and wind it down to the bend in the hook.



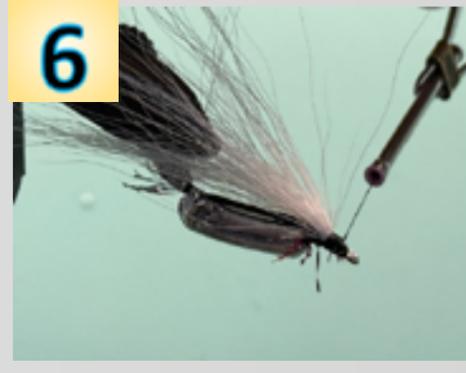
Cut a piece of silver mylar tubing and fray the back end (for the tail).



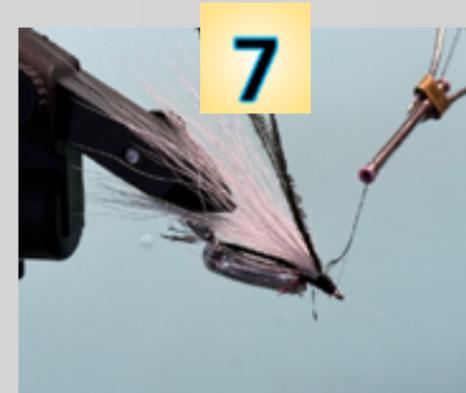
Remove the cord inside the mylar tubing, insert the rattle, and wind the thread to the eye of the hook.



Tie off the front end of the mylar tubing. Tie on and trim the red flash for the gills (optional).



Turn the hook over in the vise and tie on the white bucktail for the body.



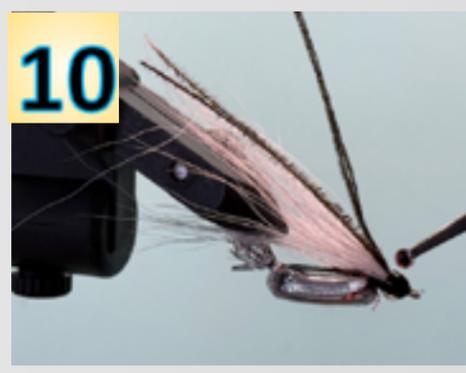
Tie on the Peacock Herl.



Tie off and cut the thread.



Use thick glue to form the head.



Add the glue-on eyes.



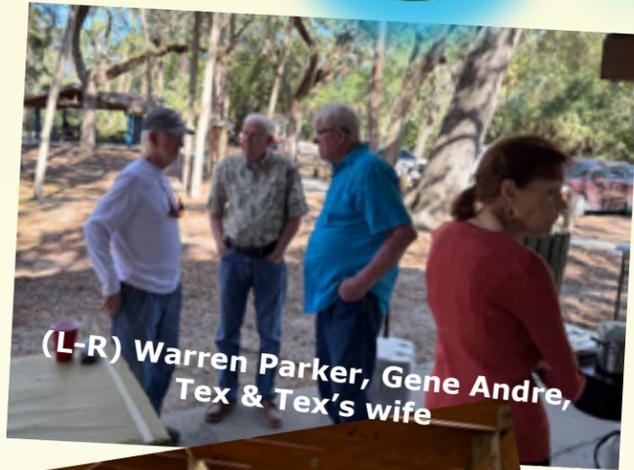
Drip thick head cement between the eyes, top and bottom, to finish the Rattling Minnow's head.



The finished product.



# Thanksgiving in the Park



(L-R) Warren Parker, Gene Andre, Tex & Tex's wife



TCFF President Frank Cuttone



TCFF Treasurer Bob Bebout & TCFF Communications Director Ruby Turner



Nicholas Hazivasilis modeling TCFF fishing shirt (shirts are available from Dick Conant 585-727-3105)



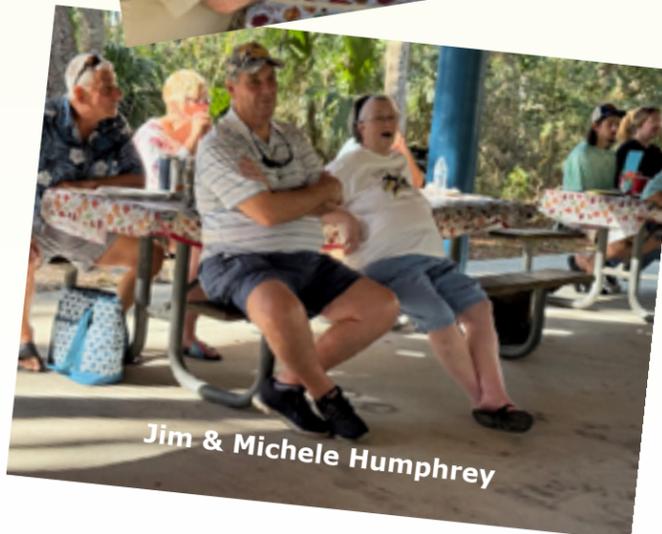
Frank Bourgeois & Ruby Turner



## Linda Pedersen Park



Tex, TCFF President Frank Cuttone & Theresa Cuttone



Jim & Michele Humphrey



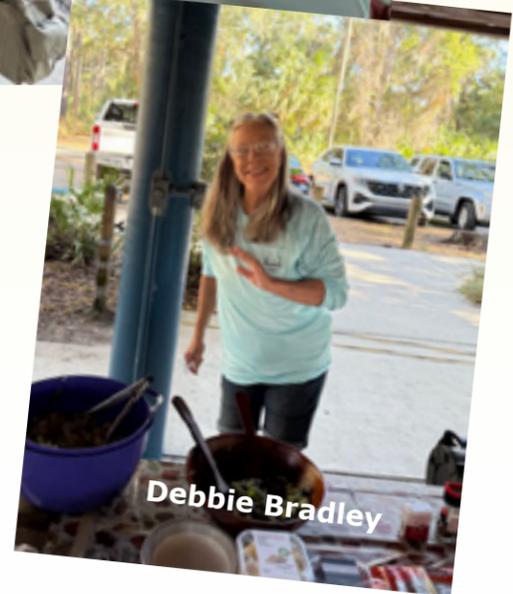
Ruby Turner & Demetri Hazivasilis (Demetri's 50th Birthday)



(L-R) Barbara Dunne, Virginia Cannata, Marcia Andre, Christine Parker, & Carol Bebout



(L-R) Demetri Hazivasilis, Michele Humphrey, & TCFF President Frank Cuttone



Debbie Bradley

Fishing the Chazz

# Fly Fishing with Lowell



Ray Cannata & Terry Dunne



This pretty Redfish fell for a green Clouser Minnow



The magical Chassahowitzka



Terry Dunne



Hurricane Milton: The wreck at Crass Key



TCFF Fishing Guide Captain Lowell Bebout



TCFF President Frank Cuttone with a beautiful Red



Terry Dunne with a good-sized Snook



TCFF President Frank Cuttone



Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers Guide **Lowell Bebout** won the **Tampa Bay Fly Fishers Long Cast Competition** with a cast of 105'. Lowell is the son of TCFF Treasurer and past President **Bob Bebout**.

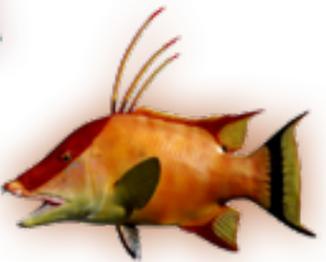
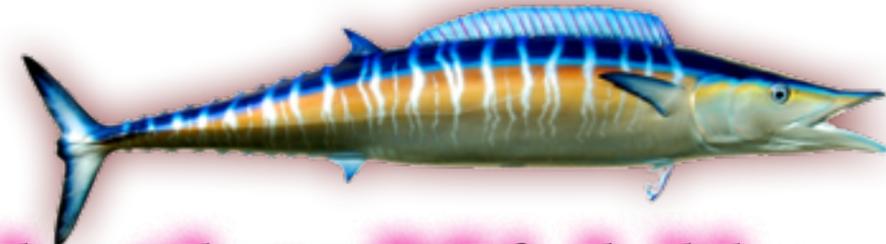


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 Capt. Lowell Bebout

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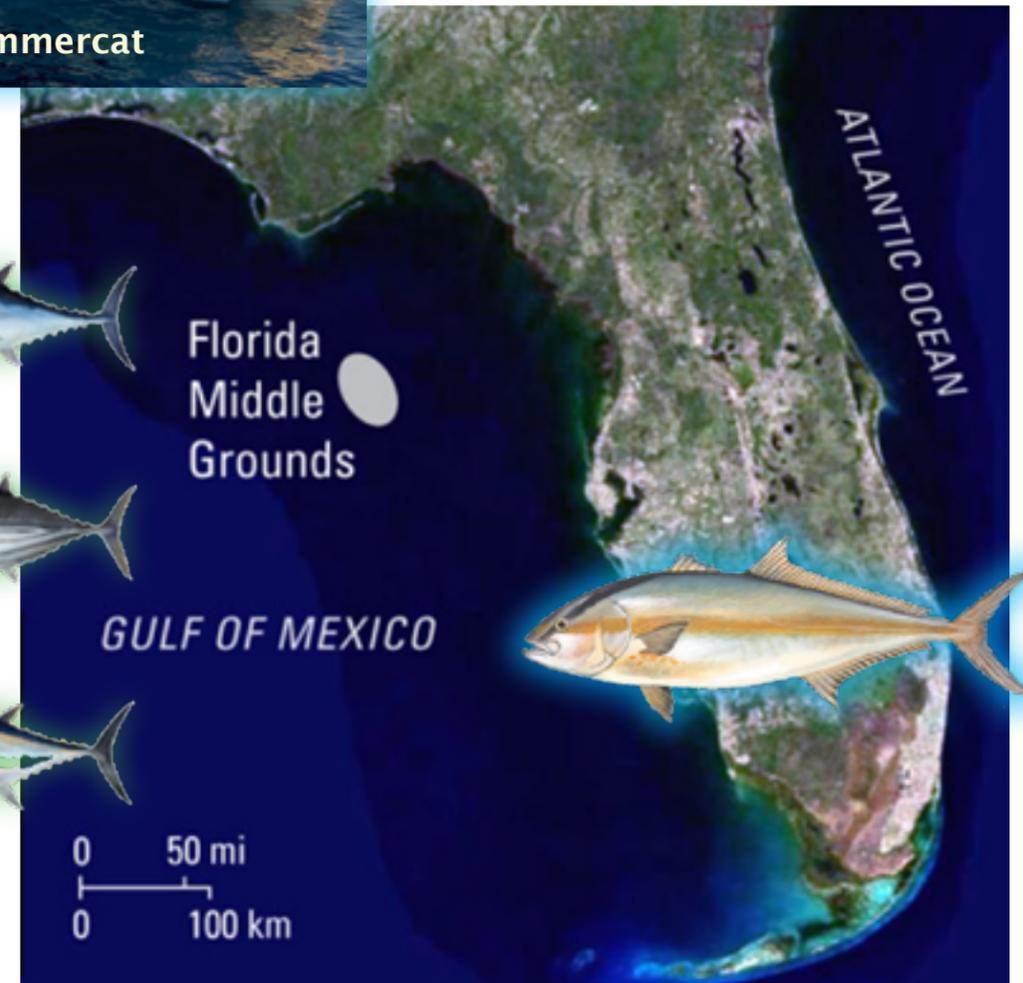
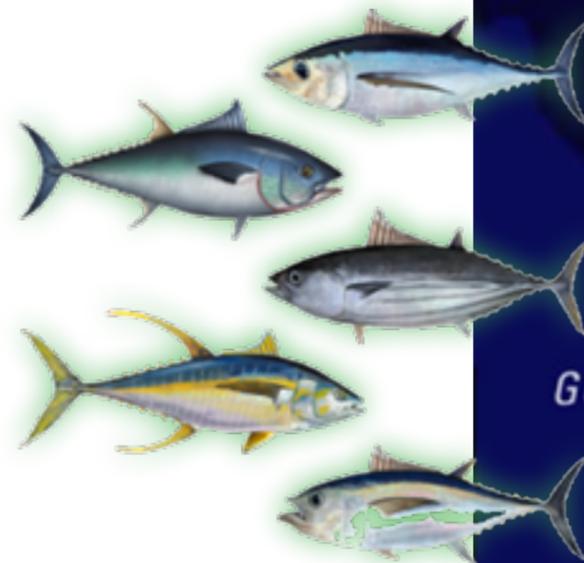


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