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President's Message

Inshore Fishing is Hot!



TCFF President
Frank Cuttone

(pages 10-11) can put you on these enormous fish.

TCFF Communications Director

TCFF is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ruby Turner** as TCFF's **Communications Director**. In that role, Ruby will coordinate all club communications to both the TCFF club membership and the general public. Ruby has shown a knack for putting the club in the public eye by way of local media.

Welcome Ruby Turner!

- Frank

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It's springtime on the Gulf of Mexico, with good weather and good fishing. Reports up and down the Nature Coast, from Filman Bayou to Yankeetown, say lots of Redfish schooling up around the points and oyster beds, the Snook close behind, and good-sized Cobia cruising



Ruby Turner has been appointed TCFF Communications Director.

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the grassy flats. Sea Trout are everywhere. Large schools of Mackerel have been reported offshore along with King Mackerel. Don't forget your wire leaders.

Tarpon

Tarpon have begun their annual migration up the Nature Coast and if you're interested in hooking one of these legendary Megalops, TCFF's local guides



A nice Jaguar Guapote. See the Alligator Alley Trip p. 8.



TCFF Club Officers

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Member News

Ruby Turner Appointed TCFF Communications Director

TCFF Club President **Frank Cuttone** has appointed new club member **Ruby Turner** as TCFF's **Communications Director**. In that role, Ruby will coordinate all club communications to both the general public and the TCFF club membership.

improving communications for the Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers and looks forward to the salt water fly fishing ahead.



Newly-appointed TCFF Communications Director Ruby Turner is shown receiving fly casting instruction from TCFF Secretary Bobby Lachtara at the recent TCFF Fly Casting Clinic at Linda Pedersen Park.

Ruby came to the club's attention when she created a press release for TCFF's recent **Fly Casting Clinic at Linda Pedersen Park** (see page 6). Press releases notify local media—newspapers, radio stations, TV stations — of upcoming events while providing pertinent background information about TCFF. The idea is to make it easy for local media to cover club events. Ideally, a press release from Ruby will result in a camera crew from a local TV station covering our next fly casting event.

Ruby says she is excited about

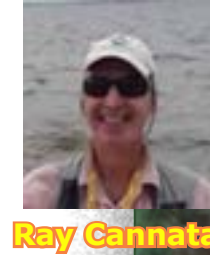
Duties of the TCFF Communications Director

The TCFF Communications Director ensures:

- Timely notification regarding upcoming TCFF events to the TCFF membership, to local media, and to the local general public
- In coordination with the TCFF Secretary, the integrity and accuracy of the TCFF email roster
- New members are provided a welcoming introduction and orientation to TCFF

Mud River Spring

Fishing the Winter Mud



Ray Cannata



Ray Cannata loops a long cast from his kayak at the Mud River Spring

Who: Ray Cannata, Terry Dunne
What: Kayak Fishing the Mud River Spring
Where: Mud River, north of Mary's Fish Camp
Fly: Clouser Minnow

When it's cold, the fish head for warmer water. The **Mud River Spring** at the head of the Mud



Mangrove Snapper than the cooler temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico.



Barracuda

River gushes out of the ground at 71 degrees, a lot warmer



Sea Trout

The fish were everywhere and we caught a good bunch — Sea Trout, Barracuda, Ladyfish, Snook, Mangrove Snapper. They were mighty hungry.

The Barracuda was waiting in ambush at one of the Mud River's canal entrances and he jumped a Clouser Minnow cast in front of him. All fish were released. — Ray



Terry Dunne with an experimental "stand and cast" paddle board at the Mud River Spring



Snook



The Flies We Use

Tying the Bucktail Deceiver

Good for Sea Trout and Snook

Master Fly Tyer
Gene Andre

What you'll need:



Fishing the Bucktail Deceiver
Cast it over weed beds and let it sink to the desired depth but keep it above the weeds. Pull it through the water with short jerks.



3
Tie on the Deceiver's tail using white bucktail (on top of the silver crystal flash).



4
To create the Deceiver's silver body, wrap the silver crystal flash forward to the hook eye and tie down.



5
Tie on the Deceiver's white bucktail body near the hook eye. Body should extend past tail.



6
Tie on two strands of silver crystal flash near the hook eye. Crystal flash should extend past the tail.



7
Tie on the green bucktail body. It should extend a little past the white bucktail body.



8
Tie on two strands of Peacock Herl.



9
Turn the fly upside down and tie on the gills (red crystal flash). Trim to approximately 1/4".



10
Add the glue-on eyes.

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11
Drip thick head cement between the eyes, top and bottom, to create the Deceiver's head.



12
The finished product.



1
Start the thread at the eye and wind it down to the bend in the hook.



2
Near the hook bend, tie on the silver crystal flash. You'll wrap the silver flash forward to the hook's eye once you tie on the tail.

TCFF Fly Casting Clinic



Barbara Dunne taking a lesson from TCCF Instructor Bobby Lachtara



Teaching the basics



Debbie Bradley receives instruction in the fine art of casting from TCCF Instructor Bobby Lachtara



TCCF Vice President Bob Bebout instructs retired NJ State Trooper Frank Brigham



Frank Healy & TCCF Instructor Bobby Lachtara



Fly rods rigged for instruction



Barbara Dunne, Frank Brigham, TCCF Vice President Bob Bebout, Carol Bebout



Demetri Hazivasilis & TCCF Instructor Bobby Lachtara



Jim Humphrey belts out a long one.



(L-R) Bob Bebout, Carol Bebout, Jim Humphrey, Barbara Dunne, Bobby Lachtara, Ruby Turner, Frank Healy, Debra Hazivasilis, Demetri Hazivasilis, Debbie Bradley, Dick Conant, Frank Brigham

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(L-R) Dick Conant, Demetri Hazivasilis, Frank Healy, Jim Humphrey

374 fish in 2 days

Alligator Alley Trip

Who: Frank Healy, Bobby Lachtara

What: Fresh water fly fishing for exotics

Where: Alligator Alley (Mile Marker 36 between Naples and Miami)



Bobby Lachtara
TCFF Secretary

Frank Healy and I left 4:00 am Monday morning March 18th and drove to the boat ramp at Mile Marker 36, Alligator Alley.

We fished until 3:30 pm and caught 176 fish. We stayed that night at the Big Cypress

RV Resort which is owned by the Seminole Indian Tribe.

Tuesday morning we returned to the canal, fished until noon and caught 55 more fish. We returned to the cabin we rented and hung out for a couple of hours then went fishing again afterward The

fishing gods were kind to us and we caught another 143 fish in 2 ½ hours. Returning to our cabin we decided not to fish on Wednesday morning so we relaxed that night with a bottle of scotch and got up the next morning, had breakfast, and drove home.

- Bobby Lachtara



Frank Healy with a nice Oscar



Baby Gar



Bobby Lachtara with a Mayan Cichlid



The flies tied by TCFF Secretary Bobby Lachtara that caught 374 fish in two days.



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