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## President's Message

# Winter Fishing 2025



**TCFF President**  
Frank Cuttone

It's been cold out there and we hear that some of the bigger fish are warming up close to shore. That's the thinking behind Ray Cannata and Terry Dunne's trips down Jenkins Creek and up the Mud River to the Mud River Spring —looking for the big guys.

It's looking like a good year ahead for trips.

## Trips

So far, four trips are planned, the **Davidson River** trip in **North Carolina** and three trips to **Alligator Alley**. See Ray

**Cannata** (352-123-0987) for information on the **Davidson River** trip and **Bobby Lachtara** (407) 267-4658 for info on **Alligator Alley**.

## Casting Clinics

Planning for our TCFF Casting Clinics are in the works with casting clinics coming up in time with fishing season.

Stand by for upcoming casting clinic announcements, these fun instruction sessions we hold each year at Linda Pedersen Park.

— Frank



**New York State Senate Leader Jacob C. Ashby has officially recognize Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers President Frank Cuttone for outstanding leadership. See Official Recognition for Trout Unlimited Leadership**



## TCFF Club Officers

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## TCFF President Honored By Trout Unlimited



The George F. Hemming Leadership Award presented to TCFF President Frank Cuttone

For outstanding leadership, TCFF President Frank Cuttone has been awarded Trout Unlimited's **George F. Hemming Leadership Award**.

From Frank's acceptance speech:

"For over 40 years that I have been a member of **Homewaters TU**, we have accomplished many tasks to move the chapter forward.

- Stream improvement projects
- Planting trees and shrubs to stabilize stream banks
- Yearly fish stocking.
- The creation of **The Art and Science of Fly-fishing** course at **Hudson Valley Community College**

Thank You again for selecting me for the **George F. Hemming Leadership Award**. All the leadership and teaching work I have done was easy because of love of the homewaters group, love of the great outdoors, and love of fly-fishing.

Congratulations Frank!

**Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers**

**North Carolina**

### Davidson & Tuskasegee Rivers

Fly Fishers,

Join us for this TCFF adventure into the Great Smoky Mountains. North Carolina's Davidson River is known for some of the most breathtakingly beautiful fly fishing in the world. The details for this trip are below. If interested, you can book at our next TCFF General membership meeting — *Ray Cannata*

**Dates:**

1. May 19<sup>th</sup> - Drive from Florida to Brevard, NC
2. May 20<sup>th</sup> - Fish with Davidson Outfitters on Davidson River. Half-day wade \$500 (\$250 when split between 2 people)
3. May 21<sup>st</sup> - Fish with Davidson outfitters full-day float on the Tuckasegee river
4. May 22<sup>nd</sup> Davidson outfitters half day Wade on Davidson River public water
5. May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Drive back to Florida

**Outfitter Charges** (Davidson provides all gear):

Charge	1/2 Day	Full Day
Wade (Public water)	\$375	\$500
Wade (Private water)	\$500	
Full Day Float	\$625	

**Lodging:**  
Lodging is at the nearby Comfort Inn. Rooms can be either two Queens or one King. The cost is \$559 including taxes for four nights (\$280 each). The stay at the Comfort Inn includes a full breakfast, microwave, fridge, and coffee in the room.

# TCFF Christmas Party 2024

Many fly fishing goodies changed hands at TCFF's annual Christmas Party



TCFF President Frank Cuttone



TCFF Communications Director Ruby Turner



*Silent Auction*



(L-R) Frank Cuttone, Bobby Lachtara, Ruby Turner, Christine Fuller



TCFF Secretary Bobby Lachtara



(L-R) Carol Bebout, TCFF Treasurer Bob Bebout, Virginia Cannata, Ray Cannata



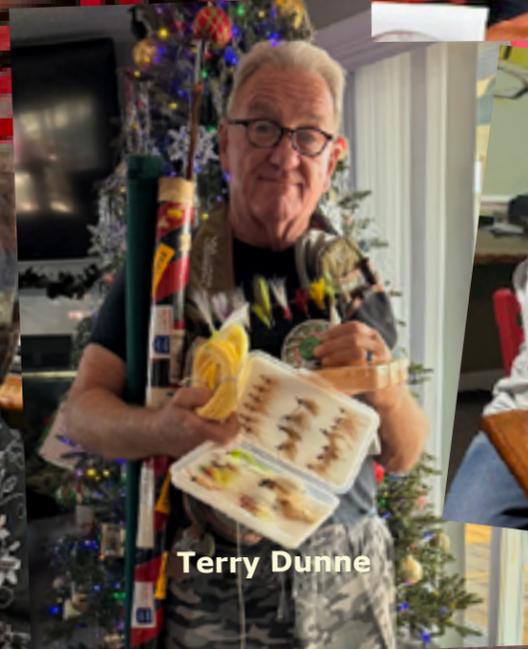
Jim Humphrey & Sandy Lachtara



(L-R) Ray Cannata, Christine Fuller, Jim Humphrey



Virginia Cannata



Terry Dunne



Dick Conant & Sue



**Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers**




# TCFF Fly Tying Classes

TCFF will conduct a six (6) night Beginners Fly Tying Class starting on Thursday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, and meeting for the next 5 consecutive Thursdays, ending March 6th.

Learn to tie 12 popular and effective saltwater flies including the Clouser Minnow, EP Shrimp, EP Minnow, Shrimp Gurgler, Del Brown's Merkin Crab, Bendback, Lefty's Deceiver, Toad fly, and more. Classes will be held at St. Theresa's Church (just south of Aldi's) on Commercial Way (Route 19) in Spring Hill. Classes will be from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm.



Contact Dick Conant at [rconant585@outlook.com](mailto:rconant585@outlook.com) to register.

The class is limited to 8 people and is free to members. Non-members wishing to attend can join TCFF by paying our annual dues of \$25.




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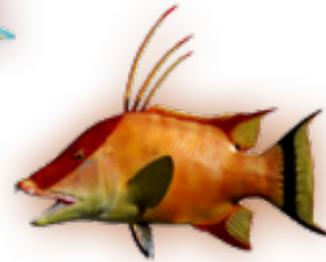


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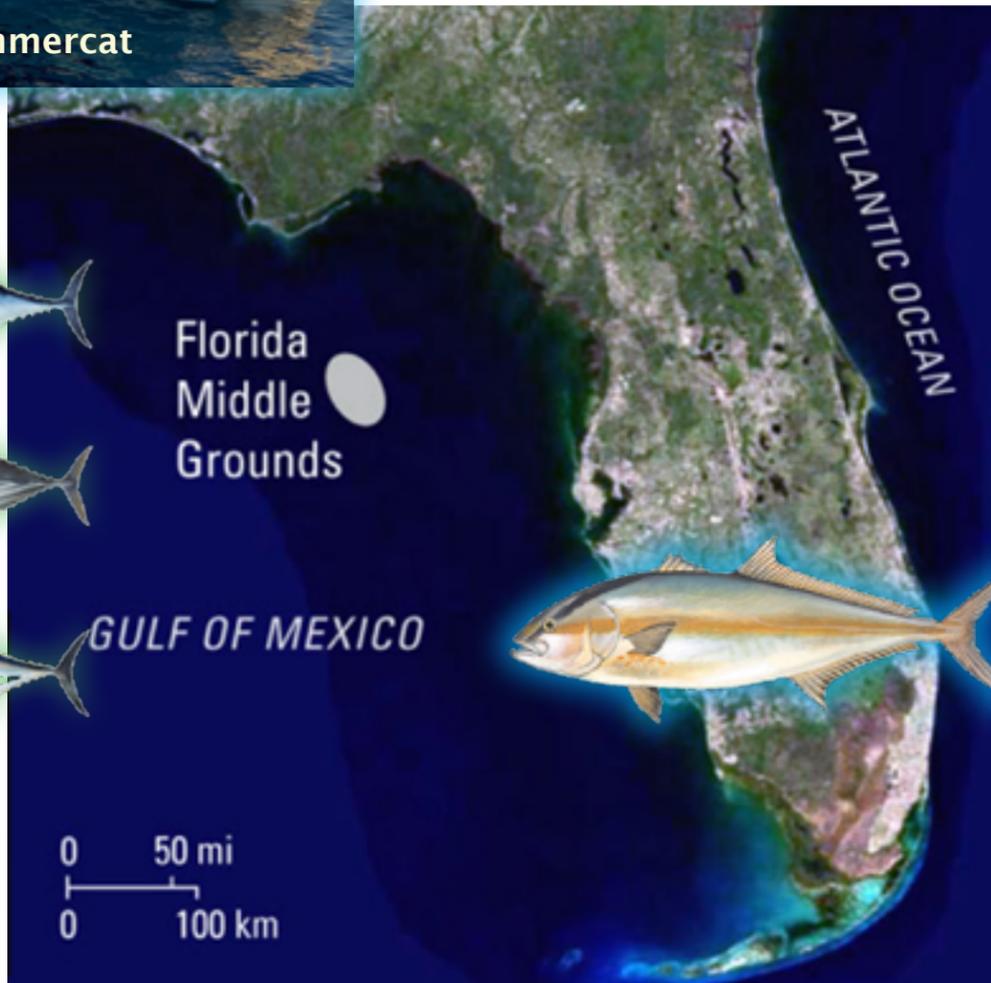
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