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President's Message

Regular Meetings and Fly Tying Sessions to Resume



TCFF President Frank Cuttone

Hello Tarpon Coast Flyfishers!

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We will now resume regular schedule meetings and fly tying sessions.

New Members

I'm happy to report we have



TCFF President Frank Cuttone holds a huge Bluefish he caught fishing the Nature Coast with Bob Bebout.

several new members,

one of which is brand new to fly fishing and has requested some casting lessons.

Casting Clinic

I think we should use some of our collective knowledge and have a casting clinic to start our new members off on the right track.

Tampa Bay On The Fly

I'm going to **Tampa Bay On**



The Fly this week to speak with Enver about having a day to tour his shop and sit down and tie some flies. Will let you know What we come up with.

— Trank

Treasurer Needed

The Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers needs a new Club Treasurer. Contact TCFF President Frank Cuttone at (518) 487-8895.



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Bobby Lachtara is New TCFF Secretary

Bobby Lachtara has assumed the duties of the new TCFF Secretary. Bobby replaces TCFF Secretary Jim Humphrey. Long-term Treasurer Michelle Humphrey remains as Club Treasurer but a new Treasurer ris being sought to replace her.

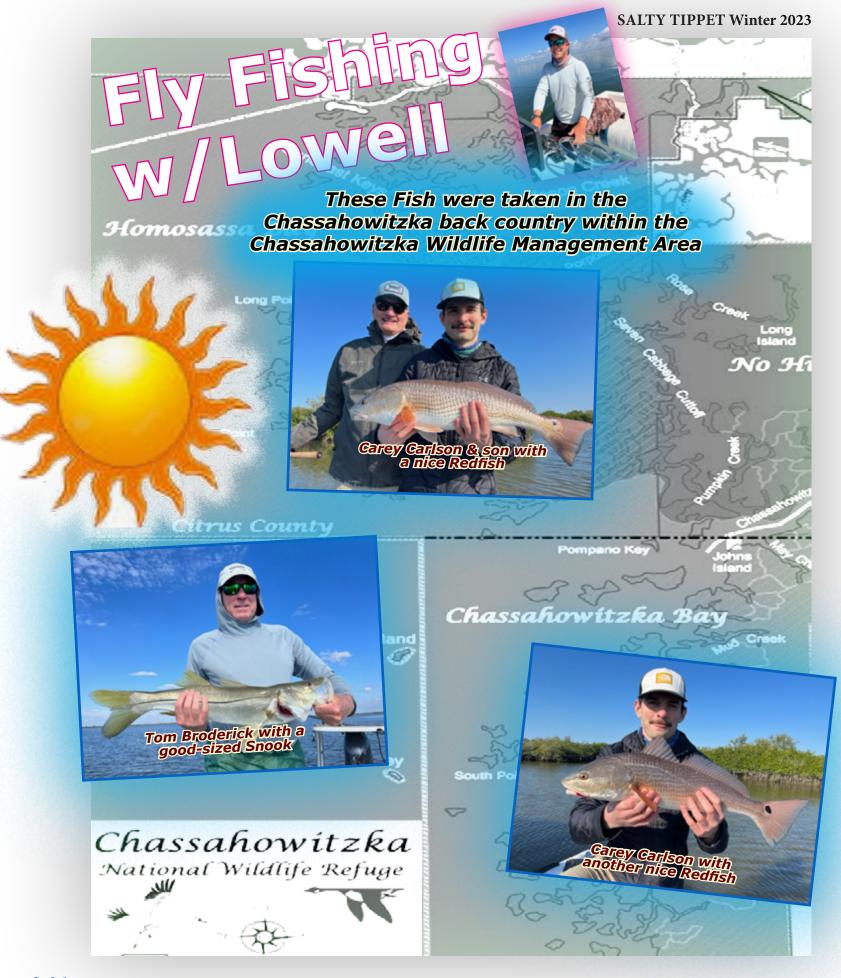
TCFF Treasurer Needed

The Tarpon Coast Fly Fishing Club needs a new Treasurer. If interested, contact TCFF Club President Frank Cuttone — (518) 487-8895

Treasurer

Duties

- Maintain accurate financial records of deposits and expenses for the club
- Collect and send dues to the International Office
- •Update club information on the Membership Center with the secretary
- Communicate with school administration for deposits and writing checks
- *Prepare a club budget for board approval
- Keep track of all receipts for reimbursements and payments
- Have a faculty advisor oversee all handling of monies
- Organize fundraisers for the club and charities
- Train and pass on financial records to the next treasurer



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Some Big Ones

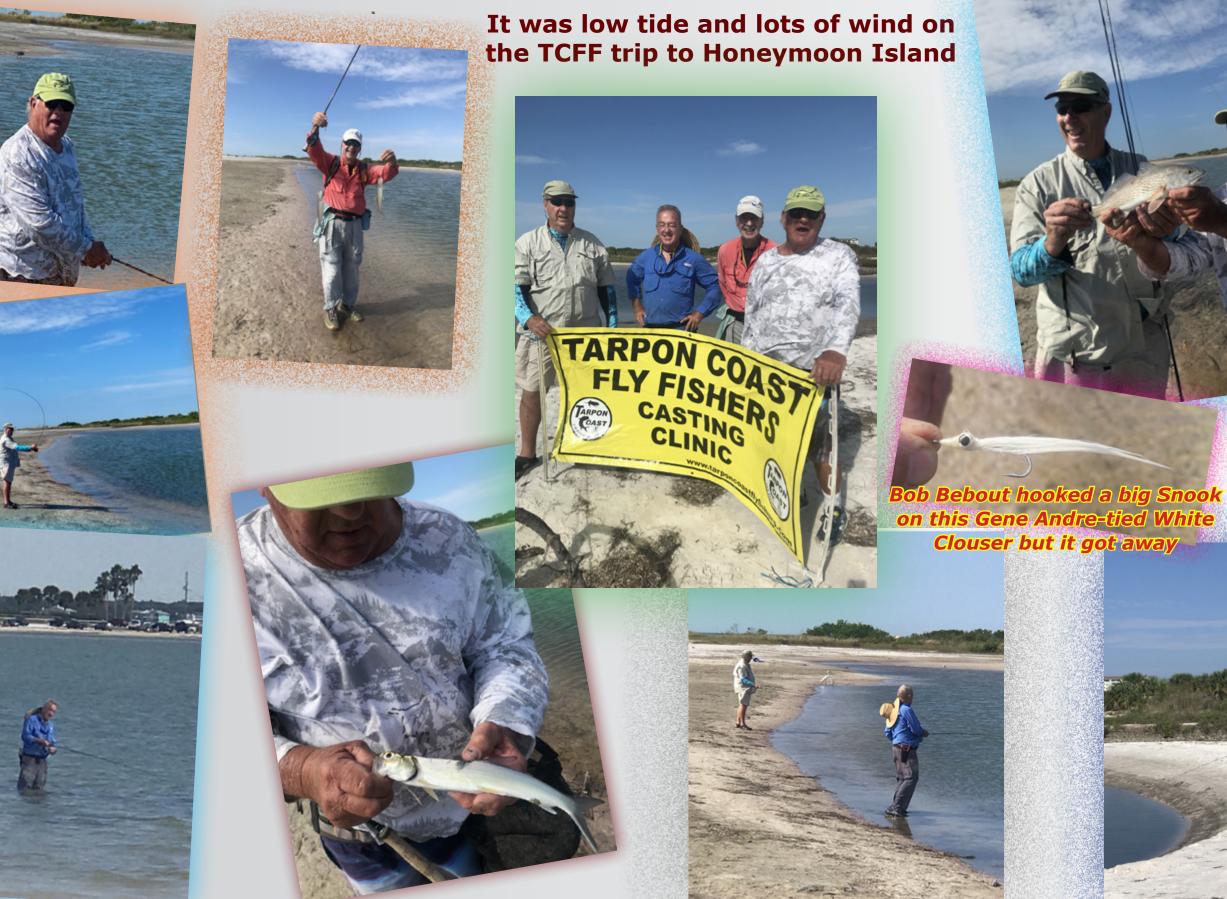


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Scouting Report: Suwanee River

"People go to the town of Suwanee to do pretty much one thing—fish"

The town of Suwanee is about a two-and-a-half hour drive north of Spring Hill (about 120 miles). Take US 19 North to Old Town, take a left and drive 20 miles down a very nice two-lane road with absolutely nothing on it. The town is not much more than a bunch of stilt houses with incredible boat houses, one

store, two marinas, o n e restaurant, one motel, and no gas station.

There is a free boat and kayak launch.
People go to Suwanee to do pretty much one thing—fish.

Bill's Fish Camp & Motel is pretty nice. It's right on the water and cheap, we're talking 80 bucks-a-night. Carol said she was afraid of bedbugs but I don't think so. One thing

Bob Bebout with a

good-sized Black Drum

for sure, we got ate up by nosee-ums that last hour on the water.

Get off the water well before dark. We woke up to the first cold front of the year with 25 mile-an-hour winds, 80% chance of rain, and a small craft warning. No problem because there is plenty of protected water.

We idled out
the canal
around the
restaurant
and a quarter
mile up Salt
Creek. That
was it.

We stopped at a spot where three creeks came together and threw out a couple of live shrimp.

Always use live shrimp when exploring for new fishing spots because everything eats shrimp.

Carol caught a small **Redfish** on the first cast and a nicer

Redfish a couple of minutes later. The fishing slowed down, we moved about 100 feet, and started catching small **Yellowtail** one after another.

Bill's Fish Camp & Motel is pretty nice, right on the water, and cheap. We're talking 80 bucks-a-night

The bite and the tide stopped for about 20 minutes. When the tide started coming in the fish started biting again, first the Yellowtail then Redfish.

The **Redfish** slowed down and the **Sea Trout** started. The Trout slowed and we caught a couple

of Black Drum. We pretty much caught fish steady for an hourand-a-half. The rain started and we headed in.

So I think we had a pretty good day's fishing for our first trip to the area. Everyone I spoke to said they had been coming there for years and the fishing was great.

I think this might make a great spot for a TCFF club outing.

— Bob Bebout

P.S. The restaurant had some pretty awesome seafood.

Lower Suwannee National Wildlife...



Bill's Fish Camp & Motel



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