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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's no surprise that an enterprise like the Backcountry Fly Fishers Association is fueled by participation. Behind every outing, all the meetings and each community project is someone... or more accurately a bunch of someones who make it happen.

Several years ago when I joined the Board of Directors I began to see firsthand how guys like Phil Triano, Brian Eastman, Cas Summers and Jay Wright, among others, created the environment for all that happened. For many of the last few years, those guys and a couple others shouldered the load. When others, for good reasons, couldn't respond to the challenge of joining the Board of Directors, they simply re-upped, traded roles and committed to another year. They enjoyed it... but it WAS work.

In 2010, if you look at the masthead you'll notice that none of those men is listed on the Board. Thank Goodness. ☺ Not that they are gone. (They're not. They're still sharing ideas and getting under the rock.) But thank goodness that a whole new wave of men has rolled in to provide leadership. Now that these new "young turks" are a few months into their tenure I want to take a moment and a few sentences to point them out.

Bill Ockenden is this year's VP. On top of that he finds and coordinates all speakers and creates the flow for the meetings. It's Bill's job to make sure that the 2nd Wednesday of the month stays both fresh and relevant. Think phone calls and then think more phone calls. So when the Tarpon guide shows up during Tarpon season and when you glean new information from what's said up front you have Bill to thank.

Tom Dyll is the Outings Coordinator. Let me just say it. It's a thankless job. Tom makes sure that we pursue a variety of fish, in a variety of locations in a variety of ways. In February he did a magnificent job coordinating the shad outing. And when the shad didn't cooperate and we postponed the first campout, he did it a second time. Because of Tom, BFA Central Florida (that's us) successfully hosted several other clubs on the St. Johns. This year's outings have a few new twists including tournaments, Everglades campouts and the exploration of Florida waters both near and far. Make Tom's job easy this year. Sign up for outings early and show up with the glass half full.

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Phil Triano

Brian Eastman

Cas Summers

Mark Hayes is our new Communications Director. That means that you'll see a much broader range of communication this year. In addition to this newsletter, we now have a robust Facebook page for the club AND an additional marketing presence on Facebook. Mark also takes over as our webmaster on www.backcountryflyfishingorlando.com. (By the way, Debbie Summers... you are a rock star. Thanks for your masterful work on the site for the last several years.) When you feel connected, informed and entertained it's because of Mark.

So what's the point? Just say thanks! All these guys are passionate and ever-developing fly-fisherman. Sure, they like being here. But they are also intentional and sacrificial about making your experience with BFA a good one. It's because of them, along with other guys whose names you've known for years that the casting practice, fly tying, outings, meetings and parties are all in place and done well. Next time you see them, let them know you appreciate it. I know I do.

March Speaker

Capt. John Turcot
Backcountry on Fly
.....fifth generation Floridian.

Past Family members were early pioneers of the "Eldora" Community along the Eastern shore of the Mosquito Lagoon. Here are highlights from Capt. John's professional fishing career:



Started guiding in 1989 specializing in fly fishing on the Mosquito Lagoon.



Worked at the Fly Fisherman shop in Titusville in the early 90's for Frank and Liz Steele the original owners, when, at that time was the leading fly fishing store in the Nation.



Worked with Sea Lion Productions in over a dozen episodes of the Walker's Cay Chronicles television series throughout Florida and the Carolina's.



Have been a featured guide in numerous fishing television shows to include:

- The Spanish Fly, Walkers Cay Chronicles and Sport Fishing Magazine Television.
- Past Champion and guide in several local Fly Fishing Tournaments.

MARCH OUTING – Mosquito Lagoon

March 18-21, 2010

Halfway between Marco Island and Everglades City is Panther Key. A popular place just outside of Everglades National Park to camp and fish with out all of the hassles of registering with the National Park Service. The launch point of the trip is Port of the Islands on Tamiami Trail. The launch fee is \$5 and parking is \$10 per night.

On March 18th fisherman from a couple of popular forums will be gathering there to hang out and hopefully catch fish. BFA Orlando will hold its monthly outing in conjunction with this event. Feel free to bring family or friends with you.

This trip is a primitive camping trip. While it is only 8 miles from the launch point. Those who attend should be prepared to be self sufficient for 3 nights. There are no bathroom facilities of any kind on the island nor fresh water. Cell phones usually don't work. Marine radios are suggested.

Visit the BFA group page on Facebook to RSVP for this event.

<http://i177.photobucket.com/albums/w213/geekp0wer/microskiff/places/Panther%20Key/smallmap.jpg>

Fly of the Month

Puglisi Fly

As Tied by Bryon Chamberlin

Materials list:

Hook: GamaKatsu size 2-2.0

Thread: White flat waxed nylon or similar

Eyes: Bead Chain or stick on type

Tail: White Enrico Puglisi Fiber

Body: Enrico Puglisi Sparkle Brush in Pearl Sparkle

Tying Instructions:

- 1) Crimp down the barb on the hook before putting in the vice.
- 2) Near the eye of the hook, attach the thread and tie in the beadchain eyes. Skip this step if you use the stick-on variety
- 3) Wrap thread back to the bend of the hook.
- 4) Take a pinch of EP fiber and fold in half around the thread and then tie onto the top of the hook shank.
- 5) Repeat step #4 and stack the fiber directly on top of the previous bunch.
- 6) Cut the tail to length and shape to your preference.
- 7) Tie in a strand of EP Sparkle Brush just in front of the tail.
- 8) Palmer the EP Sparkle Brush all the way up to the eye of the hook.
- 9) Tie down the EP Sparkle Brush and with OLD scissors or side cutters, cut the thin metal wire as close to the hook as possible.
- 10) Comb out the EP Sparkle Brush with a small wire brush or similar and give the material a hair cut to your liking.
- 11) With a few additional wraps, form the head, whip finish, and cement. Cement the stick-on eyes in place if you use them instead of bead chain.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 10	BFA monthly meeting @ O'Boys in Winter Park – 6:30pm
March 18-21	March Outing - Panther Key (check Events tab on Facebook for details)
April 4	Casting Practice @ Loch Haven Park 2-4pm
April 7	Flies and Lies at Orlando Outfitters – 6-8:30pm
April 14	BFA monthly meeting @ O'Boys in Winter Park – 6:30pm
April TBD	April Outing - Ft. Pierce. Dates, times and locations will be discussed at the March meeting and posted to Facebook.

Whenever you fish remember to take a camera and capture the event for the rest of us. Send your pictures to mark@bolderado.com. We'll take anything with fish, flies or faces (smiling or not).

NOT GETTING THE NEWSLETTER?

If you are not getting the newsletter via E-mail and can only view it via the website, please send a message to mark@bolderado.com and I will add you to the E-mail list. Otherwise, the newsletter can always be accessed through the BFA website, www.bfacfl.org.

Pic of the Month



Phil Triano and Bill Ockenden in the "pole and troll" zone. See the Facebook comments below:

[Barrie Mann](#) likes this.



Jay Wright

The fact that it's a pole and troll zone doesn't mean you have to do both at the same time! LOL
Fri at 12:22pm · Report



Philip Triano

sometimes you need a little help!
Fri at 5:33pm · Report



Mike Adamson

Did Phil pull that "the motor is tricky, I better man it" line on you Bill?
Yesterday at 10:15am · Report

