

The following are the Backcountry Fly Fishers club announcements for August 2016.

NO MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

NEXT MEETING: – Monday, October 10th

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Conservancy of Southwest Florida

PROGRAM

Speaker: To be announced

Topic: To be announced

To be announced

DEMONSTRATION:

To be announced

OUTINGS

No outings in June, July, August, September

For any concerns or questions regarding outings, please contact Alan Kuhre, Outings Director, at 239 777-2497. Thanks for your participation.

All outings are intended for **members only** and are one of the benefits of membership.

FLY TYING

Next fly tying class to be announced

BFF CASTING CLASSES

Next casting class will be in October.

ANDROS BONEFISHING IN MARCH 2017

Leland and Marles Frankman and Rich Uhlig are going to Andros Island to bonefish March 7 through 14, 2017. They are staying at Two Boys Inn. There is one spot still open that week. The all-inclusive cost for the lodge is around \$2,300, with travel cost being extra. For information about Two Boys Inn go to their website www.twoboysinn.com. This is not a club sponsored trip, but none the less a great opportunity to chase bonefish with fellow club members. If you are interested in joining Lee, Marles, and Rich contact Lee at flyfishinglawyer@comcast.net for more information.

ESTERO BAY CLEANUP EVENT

The plan is to meet at the Lovers Key boat launch this Saturday (8/6) at 7:00 AM to remove trash and fishing line from the mangrove islands between Monkey Key and the launch. Tom James will be doing some filming for a documentary on the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve, so it would help if all participants can leave and work together. If you can participate please call Mac Hatcher (239-394-2487) to get more details and to let him know you will be there on Saturday. Mac will bring trash

bags, ice water, and some tennis ball containers for fishing line. The plan is to work until 11:00. The forecast is for typical summer conditions. Please bring some clippers and or scissors to remove fishing line.

FISHING PROSPECTS FOR AUGUST

Just like last month the best time to fish in August is early in the day and late in the day. The mosquitoes are still around so bug spray should be part of your gear if you plan to go into the backcountry.

Rain and tropical storms will affect the fishing and not in a positive way. Freshwater from the rain decreases the salinity in the backcountry and that combined with the dirty water from the runoff adds up to poor fishing conditions.

Continue to pay attention to the afternoon storms if you are on the water. As mentioned in previous months, graphite rods make great lightning rods. If lightning strikes a fly rod it will wreck the rod and will not be a pleasant experience for the person holding the rod either. So be careful and pay attention to the weather.

For the latest information on license requirements, open seasons, sizes and possession limits check the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission website for at www.myfwc.com.

SNOOK

The closed season for snook on the gulf and in ENP continues through August. So minimize the handling of any snook caught and return them to the water as quickly as possible. This is still a good time to fish the beaches in the early morning hours for snook. Try using a top water pattern like a gurgler or a baitfish pattern.

REDFISH

This month is redfish month. Redfish seem to tolerate the heat better than snook or sea trout. Try for them early in the day as they make their way into the backcountry. Shrimp and crab patterns are the most commonly used flies for redfish, but at times small baitfish patterns will also work.

TROUT

Trout can still be found, but the hot weather tends to make them move into deeper water. Look for deep holes in grass beds and also in the deep runs along the islands in the backcountry. Shrimp and baitfish patterns work well for trout. Chartreuse and white clousers also work well.

TARPON

Juvenile tarpon can still be found in the creeks in the backcountry and a few larger tarpon may still be found in the passes.

Sharks

Sharks can be found in the passes and larger bays and in the near off-shore waters.

FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Sage Method 890-4 8wt, 9', 4 pc rod for sale for \$575. It is in near new condition; however it does not come with a rod tube. All I have done is lawn cast the rod. The previous owner did use it on the water. Price includes shipping in the CONUS. If you need it to go to Canada, let's talk. The rod retails new for \$850.

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KAYAK – Moken 10 Lite kayak in Desert Camo

For more details go to <http://feelfreeus.com/kayaks/fishing-kayaks/moken-10-lite/> or call Mike Franz at 239-269-5016.

If you have some fishing equipment you would like to sell send the necessary information to bffinfo@flyfishingnaples.com and it will be posted on the website and added to future monthly announcements.

Go to the club website <http://www.flyfishingnaples.com> for:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS found on the **Events & Program Page** under the Programs tab.

GALLERY PAGE can always use new photos. If you have any pictures you would like to share send them to me at the email address below. I am sensitive to the FWC current position about taking pictures of tarpon and proper handling of fish. Therefore, pictures of tarpon in the boat or pictures of fish held vertically will not be posted on the website.

GUIDE/OUTFITTER PAGE provides information about local and not so local guides. Do you know a guide that gives great service? Send me their contact information, preferably email, website, and phone number, and I will add them.

If you have any suggestions regarding the email announcements or the website please let me know.

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