



BFF Fly Lines

November 2016

Louisiana Redfishing

It should have been like shooting goldfish in a barrel, instead it was like trying to find a copper penny in a cup of cafe latte.

Four BFF members, Ralph Pike, Dick Shafner, Scott Silver and Craig Winter, recently returned from a week of fly fishing for Redfish in the Mississippi Delta below New Orleans.

Mother Nature dumped voluminous amounts of rain on the Midwest, the Mississippi watershed, during the late summer and fall and the river was running higher than usual for this time of year. The extra volume of water created water clarity issues which meant the big Bull Reds the area is known for were hard to spot.



Dick Shafner, above and Ralph Pike, below with some of the Louisiana Redfish they caught at the end of October



Next meeting:

Monday, November 14, 2016

6:30 pm Conservancy of Southwest Florida

Program:

Speaker: JoEllen Wilson, BTT
Topic: Juvenile Tarpon Habitat

As BTT's Juvenile Tarpon Habitat Program Manager, JoEllen is in charge of all things juvenile tarpon related. This includes juvenile tarpon habitat research projects from South Carolina to the Florida Keys, mapping of juvenile tarpon habitat and education to the public through presentations. She received her Master's Degree in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences at University of Florida where her research focused on Juvenile Tarpon Habitat Use.



The 4 anglers stayed at the Journey South lodge in Venice and fished with sometime local guide Al Keller and lodge owners Eric & Moe Newman.

The accommodations at JS were very pleasant and it was just a convenient 5 minute ride to the dock. The food was exceptional as Eric was a restaurateur in a former life.

The fly fishing, as previously mentioned, was, to put it charitably, a challenge. Over the course of 5 fishing days everybody caught some very nice Reds on the fly but the numbers of fish the group was hoping for didn't materialize. A couple of the anglers, who shall remain nameless for the good of their reputations, flirted with the Dark Side and caught a few via "conventional" fishing methods at the end of a couple of tough fly fishing days.

You Tube

Check out the BFF Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRqeR15zYAhQ59ZnhZ_PuA

Casting Classes

BFF CIs, Mike Santangelo & Jim Schneider will host a casting class, "The Salt Water Quick Cast" and welcome back refresher on Nov. 18th at Pelican Bay Community Park, from 8:45AM to 11:30AM. BFF CIs will be available to address all levels of casting skills. Sign up via email at <mailto:mikefranz5@gmail.com> or at the BFF November meeting.

Red Tide Report

From the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

A bloom of the Florida red tide organism, *Karenia brevis*, persists in Southwest Florida from Pinellas to northern Collier County.

Karenia brevis was observed in very low to low concentrations in eight samples collected from Pinellas County; very low to medium concentrations in eleven samples collected from Manatee County; low to high concentrations in twenty-eight samples collected from Sarasota County; very low to medium concentrations in five samples collected from Charlotte County; background to medium concentrations in twenty-one samples collected from Lee County; and background to low concentrations in six samples collected from Collier County.

Additional samples collected throughout Florida over the past week did not contain *K. brevis*.

Fish kills were reported offshore of Sanibel Island on 11/02 (Lee County) and along Seagate and Tigertail



Craig Winter, above, with a 42" Louisiana Alligator Gar and Scott Silver, below, with a nice Red caught on a recent trip to the marshland of the Mississippi Delta



Upcoming Outing

Outing-Estero Bay

When: 28 November 2016 (Friday) First Light to 12:30pm.

Launch Sites: Carl Johnson Ramp across from the Lovers Key SP on Estero Blvd. Small Donations are encouraged at the ramp. Rest Rooms, Ice, etc. are available as well. If fishing the southern end of the bay, there is a no fee county launch for small boats and paddlecraft at the east end of the Big Hickory Pass Bridge.

Tides: Low Tide @ 6:08 am; (-0.25') and High Tide @ 1:24 pm; (1.76').

Sunrise: 6:56 am.

Lunch options: All are invited to a post fishing lunch at the Big Hickory Marina and Seafood Restaurant. Limited parking exists at the restaurant, so car pooling from launch sites is suggested.

The Estero Bay outing should provide very real opportunities to fly cast to tailing reds. An 8 wt rod, 10' leader with 15-20# tippet is a good option. Light landing crab, shrimp, and gurglers should produce good results. The Summer's slow speed restrictions are no longer in effect at this time. However, local knowledge and common sense are necessary to avoid some of the oyster bars outside the channels

Questions or Concerns: Alan Kuhre (Host) @ 239 777-2497. Sign up at the November 8th Meeting.

All outings are intended for members only

Fishing Prospects for November

The baitfish will begin to move from the beaches to offshore. For those with boats it can be very rewarding to venture out into the Gulf and follow the baitfish schooled just off the beaches. Spanish mackerel should be found within a mile of the beach. King mackerel will be found a little further out in the three to five mile range. Giant redfish, tarpon, and sharks may also be encountered while working these offshore schools of bait.

Snook

The snook season is open in our area until December 1. As the water temperature drops during the month of November the larger snook will seek deeper water and become harder to find. In the meantime watch for the larger snook as they begin migrating into their winter homes in the backcountry. Look for shallow shorelines adjacent to deeper water and strong tides. Snook can often be found laying off the banks in the troughs, look under your boat or kayak for large "muds."

Redfish

While the dropping water temperature can slow down the snook fishing the redfish will become more active. In addition to the big redfish offshore there should be lots of reds around the oyster bars. Also look for reds in the holes and on the outside points on the incoming tide. Shrimp and crab patterns are the most commonly used flies for redfish, but they will also readily eat baitfish patterns.

Trout

With the cooling temperatures trout will be found on the grass flats.

Tarpon

Early in the month look for juvenile tarpon in the passes and in the creek mouths in the back bays as well as the occasional large tarpon. As the temperature drops to winter levels later in the month the large tarpon will depart from the area.

Others

Jacks, ladyfish, and mackerel will continue to be found along the beaches as long as the bait stays close to shore. Early in the month be on the lookout for pompano in moving water near the passes. Later in the month the pompano will start showing up on the grass beds. In the backwater sheepshead may be encountered. Baitfish patterns will work well for all of these species.

Beaches on 10/28 (Collier County). Respiratory irritation

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has not been reported along southwest Florida over the past week. Forecasts for Southwest Florida by the USF-FWC Collaboration for Prediction of Red Tides show net southern, offshore movement of surface waters, and southern, onshore movement of subsurface waters between southern Pinellas and northern Monroe counties over the next 3 days.

This information, including maps and reports with additional details, is also available on the FWRI Red Tide website. The website also provides links to additional information related to the topic of Florida red tide including satellite imagery, experimental red tide forecasts, shellfish harvesting areas, the FWC Fish Kill Hotline, the Florida Poison Information Center (to report human health effects related to exposure to red tide), and other wildlife related hotlines.

To learn more about various organisms that have been known to cause algal blooms in Florida waters, see the FWRI Red Tide Flickr page. Archived status maps can also be found on Flickr.

The FWRI HAB group in conjunction with Mote Marine Laboratory now have a facebook page. Please like our page and learn interesting facts concerning red tide and other harmful algal blooms in Florida.

Saltwater License-Free Fishing Day Nov. 26

Florida residents and visitors can experience Florida's unique saltwater fishing opportunities without being required to have a recreational saltwater fishing license on Nov. 26.

All bag limits, seasons and size restrictions apply.

There are eight license-free fishing days each year including four freshwater and four saltwater.

An annual license can be purchased at 1-888-FISH-Florida or at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. All fishing license fees are used to support Florida fish and wildlife conservation and help attain additional funding for Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration projects.

Links for more information:

License Information [MyFWC.com]

License-Free Fishing Days [MyFWC.com]

BTT Naples Fundraiser 2017

Please join Jonathan Kukk and Wayne Meland on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 for an evening with the Bonefish & Tarpon Trust.

Enjoy a brief program by Jim McDuffie, BTT Executive Director, and JoEllen Wilson, BTT Scientist and juvenile tarpon expert. The evening will begin with cocktails and graduate along to a fabulous steak dinner prepared by Texas Cattle Company. All proceeds benefit BTT's tarpon acoustic tagging program.

BTT's Tarpon Acoustic Tagging project launched in March 2016. A five-year study, its objective is to gather information about tarpon movement, habitat use and other scientific data necessary to protect the species and conserve the fishery in Florida and across its range.

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Location: Jon and Julie Kukk Residence

Tickets:

Single Angler: \$500

Signal Sponsor: Become a TAR (Tarpon Acoustic Receiver) sponsor for \$2,500 (includes four tickets) and receive updates on tarpon movements.

Member Announcements

Andros Bonefishing March 2017

Leland and Marles Frankman, Rich Uhlig, Tony Kalbil, and Derek Betty 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, Rich, Tony, and Derek contact Derek at derek.betty@sympatico.ca for more information.

For Sale

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.

Michael Santangelo, mikeonthefly@gmail.com,

206-465-4032.

If you have fishing equipment you would like to sell send the necessary information to bffinfo@flyfishing-naples.com and it will be posted on the website and added to future monthly announcements until you inform us via the same email address to cease publication.

Ronald A. Smith

Word has reached BFF Fly Lines that former BFF member & Past President, Ron Smith, 72, passed away at his home in Bonita Springs, Florida on August 18th, 2016.

Ron was born on October 23rd, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. He received his Bachelor's Degree from University of Cincinnati and his MBA from Xavier University.

He married Donna Bauer on June 19th, 1965, and together they raised their twin daughters. They were happily married until Donna's death in 2004.

Ron worked in the finance industry and retired in 1998 from McDonald & Company. Ron and Donna moved from Cleveland, Ohio to Bonita Springs. Ron enjoyed fishing, cooking, computer games, fishing trips with his friends, and watching the NBA. He was beyond thrilled when his favorite team, the Cleveland Cavaliers, won the NBA Championship in June, 2016!

Ron is survived by his twin daughters, Rachel Quade (Rick) and Becky Weber (Brad), his four grandsons- Alex and Steven Quade and Adam and Grant Weber, his nephews and niece- Rick Smith, Patty Petrick, Neal Smith, Mark Smith, Paul Smith, and Scott Smith. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Smith, his parents Paul and Helen Smith, and his brother, Paul Smith.

Services were held on Saturday, September 3rd, 2016 at Shikany's Funeral Home in Bonita Springs.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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



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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.

Other Announcements

Capt. Ken Chambers will be holding free periodic fishing seminars at Calusa Island Marina, Goodland on Marco Island this season.

Dates and subjects are:

November 11-Fall fishing-Seasonal Movements

January 13-Winter Species Roundup

February 10-Spring Warm up

March 10-Tarpon Techniques

April 7-Catch a Grand Slam

Contact Ken at Backcountry Guide Service, 239-289-0984 Ken@BackcountryGuideService.com for more information.

If you have any suggestions regarding the email newsletter please let me know.

Tight Lines,

Craig Winter, BFF newsletter Editor

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BFF Fishing Tournament for 2016-17

Tournament Rules

This year the tournament will run from October 10, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

This event is open to all members of the BFF.

The rules which all must abide in addition to membership are:

1. All fish must be caught on a fly.
 2. All fish must be caught and released between October 10, 2016 to March 31, 2017.
 3. All entries must be photographed with a measuring device. (TAKE ONE PHOTO)
 4. All entries are urged to photograph the angler holding the fish. (TAKE ONE PHOTO)
- NOTE: Exceptions to the photographing rules will be permitted when taking of a photograph is not practical or hazardous to the fish or the angler (e.g. tarpon, sharks, large snook).
5. All photos must be submitted by email to Ralph Pike (bffinfo@flyfishingnaples.com).
 6. All photos submitted are the property of BFF and will be displayed at the club meetings, on the BFF Web Site, in the eBreeze newsletter and on the club's Face Book page.
 7. All email submissions must include the geographic location of the catch, weight of rod, type of fly used, method (e.g. beach, kayak, boat) and guided or unguided.

The four Species Divisions for the tournament are Tarpon, Snook, Redfish, and Other.

Each Species Division will be subdivided into the following four sub-divisions:

Outside of Florida Unguided

Outside of Florida Guided

Florida Unguided

Florida Guided

Recognition will be made for the top three fly fishers in each of the four sub-divisions within each Species Division.

Questions: Contact Ed Tamson or Ralph Pike

Current 2016-17 BFF Tournament Standings

Place	Angler	Species	Date	Length	Geographic Location	Rod	Fly
*** 10/10/16 through 3/31/17 ***							
*** Anglers can only receive one place winning per division ***							
TARPON - UNGUIDED - FLORIDA							
1	Alan Kuhre	Tarpon	10/17/16	33	Collier Seminole S	8	Redfish Candy Shrimp
2	Carl Knobloc	Tarpon	10/13/16	20	10,000 Islands	7	Pink Fly
3							
	Alan Kuhre	Tarpon	10/13/16	28	CR 92 Canal	9	Redfish Candy Shrimp
	Alan Kuhre	Tarpon	10/13/16	15	CR 92 Canal	9	Gurgler
TARPON - GUIDED - FLORIDA							
1		Tarpon					
2		Tarpon					
3		Tarpon					
TARPON - UNGUIDED - OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA-No Entries							
REDFISH - GUIDED - OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA							
1	Craig Winter	Redfish	10/30/16	41	Venice, Louisiana	10	Baitfish pattern
2	Dick Shafner	Redfish	10/28/16	38	Venice, Louisiana	10	Baitfish pattern
SNOOK - UNGUIDED - FLORIDA							
1	Alan Kuhre	Snook	10/17/16	29	Collier Seminole S	8	Redfish Candy Shrimp
2	Zach Rose	Snook	10/17/16	21	Naples area docks	8	Glass Minnow
3							
	Zach Rose	Snook	10/17/16	20	Naples area docks	8	Glass Minnow
SNOOK - GUIDED - FLORIDA							
1	Scott Silver	Snook	11/3/16	32	Capt Bill Faulkner		
2		Snook					
3		Snook					
SNOOK - UNGUIDED - OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA-No Entries							
SNOOK - GUIDED - OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA-No Entries							
REDFISH - UNGUIDED - FLORIDA							
1	Alan Kuhre	Redfish	10/15/16	24	Goodland	7	Black/Purple Gurgler
2	John Dowd	Redfish	10/29/16	22	10,000 Islands	8	DT
3		Redfish					
REDFISH - GUIDED - FLORIDA							
1		Redfish					
2		Redfish					
3		Redfish					
REDFISH - UNGUIDED - OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA-No Entries							
REDFISH - GUIDED - OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA							
1	Craig Winter	Redfish	10/30/16	41	Venice, Louisiana	10	
2 tie	Dick Shafner	Redfish	10/28/16	38	Venice, Louisiana	10	
2 tie	Scott Silver	Redfish	10/31/16	38	Venice, Louisiana	10	
3	Ralph Pike	Redfish	10/1/39	33	Venice, Louisiana	10	Yellow baitfish
OPEN - UNGUIDED - FLORIDA							
1	John Hand	Black Drum	11/3/16	34	10,000 Islands		
2	Craig Winter	Barracuda	11/7/16	9	Marco Island	9	Tan, white, chartreuse baitfish
OPEN - GUIDED - FLORIDA-No Entries							
OPEN - UNGUIDED - OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA-No Entries							
OPEN - GUIDED - OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA							
1	Craig Winter	Alligator Gar	10/30/16	42	Venice, Louisiana	10	

