

# FLORIDA FLYROD CLUB'S REEL NEWS

February 2009



150-D Fortenberry Rd, Merritt Island, FL 32952

floridaflyrodclub.com

## OFFICERS

President	Alex Montminy	321-452-6834
Vice President/Weigh Master	Lenny Stahley	321-863-1709
Secretary/Newsletter Editor	Betty Brown	321-504-7881 749-9949 (Cell)
Treasurer	Steve Gersten	321-795-1024

## NEXT MEETING

**March 3, 2009**

**Cocoa Civic Center**

**403 Delannoy Avenue, Downtown Cocoa**

Registration and Social: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Awards and Raffle Prizes: 8:00 p.m.

## AWARDS BANQUET:

March 3 is less than a month away. **Alex Montminy** will be catering the event at the Cocoa Civic Center. Tickets are \$25 per person—paid anytime during the month of February or at the door. Make this check separate from the one you write for dues. Make check payable to: Florida Flyrod Club. If you are donating raffle or door prizes, please be sure Betty Brown knows the identification of those items by mid-February and get them to her or call for pick up no later than February 28.

## MENU

*Shrimp Cocktail*

*Veggie & Cheese Dish*

*Tossed Salad*

*Beef Carving Station*

*Grilled Chicken Breast*

*Roasted New Potatoes*

*Green Beans Almandine*

*Strawberries w/Amaretto Custard*

*Tea/Coffee/Water*

*Limited Bar: Beer & Wine*

## DUES:

Our collective dues are owed in March and can be paid at the Awards Banquet. The cost is \$30 for family membership and \$25 for single membership. Your check should be separate from the one to pay for the banquet. Make check payable to: Florida Flyrod Club. Dues must be paid no later than May to retain membership.

## **ELECTION:**

Thanks to **Travis Franklin, Herb Hart** and **Ed Stahley** for serving on the Nominating Committee and presenting a slate of officers for the 2009 season (March 2009 – February 2010). A vote of members present at the February meeting unanimously accepted the slate presented by the Committee. Our 2009 Board consists of:

<b>President</b>	<b>Alex Montminy</b>
<b>Vice President/Weigh Master</b>	<b>Lenny Stahley</b>
<b>Secretary/Newsletter Editor</b>	<b>Betty Brown</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Steve Gersten</b>

We thank **Alex Montminy, Dave Deithorn, Betty Brown** and **Bill Hoskinson** for serving us well during our 2008 season and also those who have graciously agreed to serve during the 2009 season.

## **FISHING & WATER REPORTS:**

**Kissimmee River** has water and is keeping fish—somewhere—but is not sharing that info.

**Lakes Cypress, Hatchineha, Kissimmee**, etc. were pretty good the day before the January tournament, but didn't serve us well at the tournament itself.

**Lake Kenansville** is inaccessible indefinitely because of road closure.

**Lake Okeechobee area:** The water is still high and some areas of the lake are improving, but the new grasses have changed the layout of the area making some of the once familiar almost unidentifiable. The lake can be accessed through the Buckhead Canal now. We're going to have to go hunting all over again. Fishing is good at the entrance to Harney Pond. Indian Prairie is dead. Taylor Creek and Interceptor Canal are not doing well.

**St. Johns River:** **Lake Poinsett** is fishable, but the numbers of fish and the water levels are way down. Not much caught in the canals or **Middle River**. There have been reports of Crappie in the Poinsett canals. The St. Johns River north of SR520 is better. Shad and Crappie are excellent in the SR46 area including **Mullet Lake**.

**Loxahatchee** has abundant Oscars and Bream on the southern end.

**West Lake** is very dirty because of the haphazard spraying being done over there. Instead of just going for hydrilla or weeds, they're hitting everything including the reeds and lily pads. Fishing is terrible. This situation is horrid considering that lake was cleaned just a few years ago.

## **GET-WELL WISHES**

**Bill Hoskinson** is back in ICU at Jess Parrish owing to a relapse while watching the Super Bowl game. Betty Brown will keep you posted via email as more information is known. If you can not receive email, contact Betty to get updates. Our prayers go to Bill for a speedy recovery.

**Brent Knuckles** is far exceeding doctors' expectations and can even get out and walk around Walmart these days. He expects to be attending meetings very soon. Fishing is not yet allowed, but you can tell he's anxious.

## **LICENSE PLATES**

Florida Flyrod Club license plates are still available for \$5. See our new Treasurer **Steve Gersten** at one of the meetings or call to make other arrangements to get one.

## **SCHEDULE:**

The 2009 schedule will be issued by the Tournament Committee in March and will be voted upon at the April meeting. If you want a say about where you fish, be there!

## TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

The Tournament Committee will consist of: **Dave Deithorn (Chair), Don Donoghue, Don Barker, Alex Montminy and Lenny Stahley.** The committee will meet February 10 at 6 pm at Kay's Bar-B-Q to prepare a 2009 Tournament Schedule to go out in the March newsletter and to be voted upon at the April meeting.

**TOURNAMENT LADDER:** See attached.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

**Location: St. Cloud Open Date: 01-10-09**

Grand Master		Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Big Fish
Stahley	Ed	1.2	8.6	0.0	9.8	
Donoghue	Don	1.7	1.0	0.0	2.7	

Master		Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Big Fish
Deithorn	Dave	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	

Sportsman		Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Big Fish
-----------	--	------	---------	-------	-------	----------

No one in this division weighed in.

## TOURNAMENT, NEXT:

**02/07/09 Lake Washington** (First tournament of the 2009 Tournament Season)

Times: 6:30 am – 1 pm  
Weigh-in: Lake Washington Park  
Weigh Master: Lenny Stahley

The March tournament will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

**“WANTED” OR “FOR SALE” ADS OR ARTICLES:** If you have an article, a “For Sale” or a “Wanted” ad, or anything else you’d like included in the next newsletter, please get the information to **Betty Brown** no later than February 28, 2009:

Phones: 321-504-7881 (H), 321-749-9949 (C)  
Email: lizbrown@cfl.rr.com  
Snail mail: 855 Clifton's Cove Ct., Cocoa, FL 32926

## FOR SALE

Two 6-gallon Quicksilver Mercury tanks  
(complete with fuel gauges, etc.)  
\$50 for both or \$25 ea (\$65 new)  
One fuel line set  
Free with the pair or  
\$8 if sold separately.

Al Koller, 267-4860 (H) 289-2074 (C)

**WEBSITE:** [www.floridaflyrodclub.com](http://www.floridaflyrodclub.com)

<°}}}}><

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to MULLIS MARINE as it celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year in business.** So stop by and say "Hello" to Ronnie, Dana and Don, wish them well and thank them for always taking such good care of us. Keep their dedication to us in mind when you get ready to buy something for the boat or schedule your maintenance—they'll be there to take care of you as they always have.



---

"You just couldn't wait till opening day."