

FLORIDA FLYROD CLUB'S REEL NEWS

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NEXT MEETING

Aug 4, 2009

Kay's Real Pit Bar-B-Q
1552 Hwy 520, Cocoa

Dinner in the meeting room at 5:30 p.m. (order from menu)

Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE DO PLAN TO COME FOR DINNER AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT

CONDOLENCES:

Our condolences go to **Retha, Herb and Alison Hart** upon the death of Retha's father **Hugh David Prophett** on June 21 at the age of 90. Although Hugh had an extended illness, it was an auto accident that hit him broadside that claimed his life six days afterward. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. [A card was sent to the Harts on behalf of the Florida Flyrod Club.]

COOKOUT:

Although the temps were pretty hot, everyone had a really good time eating and visiting. The only negative comment was we need to do this in cooler weather next time. It was nice to have **Carolyn Hoskinson** and her daughter **Becky New** and grandkids **Paige and Dawson** join **Bill & Betty Brown**, **Dave Deithorn**, **Wes Houser**, **Alex & Trish Montminy** and granddaughter **Rylee**, **Ed & Mem Stahley**, and **Lenny Stahley**.



FISHING & WATER REPORTS:

Finally, we have some fish to write about. Recent rains have given us and the fish room to move about and even the previously inaccessible local waters are now allowing us to move around unencumbered. Lake Washington is finally giving up some of its water as it overflows the dam and Lake Poinsett is producing bass, bream and tilapia.

The Loxahatchee trip in mid-June had a large turnout. Fishing was good on the eastern and southern areas. In addition to the Maya Cichlids, which are our usual catch, there were lots of bass and bream caught as well.

By the end of June, Lake Poinsett gave us 10 bass and nearly 15, if we can believe the stories of "the ones that got away." **Alex Montminy**, who has not been able to fish for quite a few months because of all of his catering jobs, was happy to pick up a 2.9 lb bass to take over the "Big Fish" spot for bass—at least temporarily.

At the Lake Poinsett weigh-in, we had a couple show interest in the club's activities. They were invited to visit our website and come to the July meeting. We hope they will want to join the club.

FOR SALE:

There are several rods and reels that belonged to **Bill Hoskinson** that **Alex Montminy** is selling on behalf of Carolyn Hoskinson. A list is attached and the items can be seen by contacting Alex.

LICENSE PLATES:

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



NEW MEMBER:

Members welcomed new member, **Keith McKinney**, to our club at the July meeting. Keith was recommended for membership by Don Barker. Keith lives in Port St. John and will be competing at the Sportsman Division. *We're glad to have you Keith and hope you do well competing with the club and enjoy your association with our group.*

ROSTER:

Please make the following pen-and-ink changes to your roster:

Don Barker: Change email address to DLBarker2@att.net

Glenn McCallister: Change email address to papagem@att.net

Add the following information to the Roster:

Keith McKinney, 6025 Keystone Ave, Pt. St. John, FL 32927
639-2610 (Home), 474-2687 (Cell), 730-5162 (Work); mckinney6025@bellsouth.net

SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Because the Hart's will be out of town until mid-to-late August, the tournament at Astor has been postponed until at least September 19-20. This is only a proposal at this time. It may be changed again, so please stay current on any future changes. The Okeechobee trip previously scheduled for September 19-20 has been moved forward to August 8-9. We may use this trip to spread Bill Hoskinson's ashes in the Rim Canal at Buckhead Ridge in accordance with his and his family's wishes. Inasmuch as plans must be finalized with Bill's family, you will be updated via email.

TOURNAMENT LADDER: See attached.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Loxahatchee (Buddy)		06/13/09					Big Fish
Grand Master		Bass	Panfish	Other	Total		
Davis	Janson	5.5	0.0	8.9	14.4		
Donoghue	Don	3.3	1.0	9.5	13.8		
Stahley	Lenny	5.4	0.0	8.1	13.5		
Stahley	Ed	5.0	0.0	8.4	13.4		
Deithorn	Dave	1.5	0.0	9.5	11.0		
Master		Bass	Panfish	Other	Total		Big Fish
Barker	Don	9.4	0.0	9.0	18.4		
Richards	Jim	5.5	0.0	8.9	14.4		
Montminy	Alex	5.4	0.0	8.1	13.5		
McCallister	Glenn	7.5	1.1	4.1	12.7		
Price	Coleman	0.0	1.7	1.0	2.7		
Sportsman		Bass	Panfish	Other	Total		Big Fish
Benham	Bea	7.7	2.0	4.5	14.2		
Benham	Dave	7.7	2.0	4.5	14.2		
Haskins	Lee	3.3	1.0	9.5	13.8		
Adams	Frank	5.0	0.0	8.4	13.4		
Koller	Al	7.5	1.1	4.1	12.7		

Deithorn	Sean	1.5	0.0	9.5	11.0
Price	Matthew	0.7	2.6	0.8	4.1

Guest Keith McKinney fished Don Barker.
Guest Allison Gangraw fished with Matthew Price.

Location: Lake Poinsett 6/27-28/09

Grand Master		Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Big Fish
Donoghue	Don	6.4	8.1	0.0	14.5	
Stahley	Lenny	6.3	8.2	0.0	14.5	
Stahley	Ed	5.1	8.8	0.0	13.9	
Deithorn	Dave	2.7	2.2	0.0	4.9	

Master		Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Big Fish
Montminy	Alex	5.8	8.0	0.0	13.8	2.9 lb. Bass
Houser	Wes	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	

Sportsman		Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Big Fish
Adams	Frank	2.0	8.4	0.0	10.4	

TOURNAMENTS, UPCOMING:

07/11-12/09 St. Cloud Open (two weigh-ins)
Times: 07/11 6 am – 12 noon
07/11 3pm – 07/12 10 am
Launch From: Any ramp in Osceola County
Weigh-in: Partin Park
Weigh Master: Lenny Stahley

“St. Cloud Open” allows fishing any body of water accessed by ramps in Osceola County, such as: East Lake, West Lake, the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, Alligator Chain of Lakes, and any lakes that can be accessed through Lake Cypress.

Places to Stay: Quality Inn, 2050 E. Irio Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee 407-846-4545
Polynesian Inn, SR 192, St. Cloud 407-892-5131 Lake
Toho Resort, 4715 Kissimmee Park Rd, St. Cloud 407-892-8795 Lake Cypress Fish Camp,
3301 Lake Cypress Rd, Kenansville 407-957-3135

Directions to Partin Park: SR 192 west to Neptune Road (not too far past Vermont St.) and bear left. Follow Neptune to Partin Park, which will be on your left. If you miss the first turn off, go west to Wal-Mart and make a left at the light and a right onto Neptune. Those coming from the North can go west on SR 520, south on CR 532, then west (right) onto SR 192 or west on SR 528, south on SR 417, south on CR 15, then turn west (right) onto SR 192 and follow the directions above.

07/25/09 Fellsmere Open (one weigh-in)
(Can fish C-54 Canal, Miami Garcia, Stick Marsh, Farm 13, and Lake Blue Cypress)
Time: 6 am – 1 pm
Weigh-in: Miami Garcia
Weigh Master: Lenny Stahley

Directions to Miami Garcia: Follow SR 512 through Fellsmere and keep following it as it turns south. Miami Garcia will be on the right (West) side of the road approx. 5 miles south.

Alternate Route: If you would rather come in from SR 60, take SR 512 north and go about a half mile. Area will be on the left (West) side. There is a very nice ramp and plenty of hard surface parking.

08/08-09/09

Lake Okeechobee (two weigh-ins)

Time: TBD at the August meeting

Weigh-in: Buckhead Ridge Marina

Weigh Master: Lenny Stahley

NOTE: The trailers and restaurant at Buckhead Ridge Marina will not be open during this time period; therefore, reservations are recommended at one of the following:

Flamingo Motel (pink building next to McDonald's)

4101 South SR441, Okeechobee

Rate: Approximately \$49 per night

Pier II Resort

2200 SE SR441, Okeechobee

866-538-0187

Rate: Approx. \$75 per night

08/22/09

Lake Poinsett (one weigh-in)

Time: TBD at August meeting

Weigh-in: Bourbeau Park

Weigh Master: Lenny Stahley

“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 give the information to **Betty Brown** no later than July 31, 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

WEBSITE: www.floridaflyrodclub.com

More photos of the two fishing trips and the cookout can be found on the website.

YOU NEED TO KNOW:

FWC NEWS

Florida Fish Busters' Bulletin
July 2009

Stocking-hatchery reared largemouth bass for healthy fisheries

Photos: Go to MyFWC.com and click on “Newsroom.”

By Bob Wattendorf, Wes Porak and Rick Stout

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) may be close to a breakthrough with stocking bass for better fishing opportunities. We hear it all the time, “Bass management is easy, just stock more fish.” Truth is – it isn't that simple. FWC biologists, as well as other fishery research experts, have understood for years that merely stocking fingerling bass rarely improves fishing.

Biologists at the FWC's Florida Bass Conservation Center (FBCC) in Sumter County began pioneering research that enabled scientists to produce larger advanced fingerling bass (approximately 4 inches long).

The FBCC concentrated on specific conditions where stocking fingerlings actually works. For example, stocking fingerling bass into a new reservoir or community pond built for fishing, or stocking them into a lake following a drought, after a fish kill, or after completion of a habitat-restoration program can restore a population more quickly than natural reproduction alone.

The biologists understand that bass stocking results in a more effective management tool with a larger hatchery, so they can eat a greater variety of prey. Being bigger also is an advantage because fewer predators can eat them.

Sounds simple, but the problems have been significant. First, largemouth bass are typically spawned naturally in hatchery ponds, because they don't respond well to hormones, such as those used to spawn striped bass. In addition, small bass are cannibals, and they don't like artificial foods, which are used in hatcheries for catfish and trout. Therefore, bass were historically grown in fertilized outdoor ponds with lots of zooplankton (tiny floating animals such as insect larvae). Predators, including minnows, insects and frogs, ate the eggs and baby fish. As the survivors grew larger, other predators such as birds began feasting on the young bass where they concentrated in outdoor ponds.

Consequently, the FBCC was designed to intensively culture largemouth bass indoors using state-of-the-art technology. The FBCC has the potential to produce more than 1 million advanced fingerling largemouths annually.

Through research, scientists found a way to trick bass fry into eating artificial food. It was discovered that by crowding fry together and feeding them live brine shrimp (the size of a gnat) they'd go into a feeding frenzy and be less choosy in what they ate. That allowed researchers to mix in artificial food that was about the size and color of the brine shrimp. Once the bass fry began eating the artificial food, it was easier to progressively train them to take bigger pellets as the bass grew in size.

Other research has improved culture conditions, fish health management, handling and hauling protocols. Now scientists are comparing survival rates between hatchery fish that are simply stocked at a boat ramp in the traditional manner, versus those distributed into vegetated habitats around the lake, so they are more dispersed and avoid predators more easily.

One study found that advanced fingerling largemouth reared in ponds on live aquatic organisms and stocked into Lake Talquin, near Tallahassee, fed on fishes more successfully and grew faster than their wild counterparts during their first year of life in the reservoir. At the end of the first year, hatchery fish comprised 40 percent of the bass that survived from that year's spawn during a year when 25 fish were stocked per acre. Five years after supplemental bass stocking, hatchery fish accounted for 20-27 percent of bass caught in tournaments. Research is being conducted in Lake Talquin to determine whether pellet-reared hatchery bass will survive as well as hatchery fish reared on live feed.

The Lake Talquin study has provided optimism that stocking advanced sizes of largemouth bass at the appropriate time will become a more widespread and successful management tool. Information gained from research and adaptive management is critical to long-term success of bass stock-enhancement programs. Specific spawning strategies are being used to protect the genetic integrity of Florida bass populations in the state.

To be completely successful, the FWC is dedicated to maintaining healthy habitats to stock the fish, as well as making sure anglers follow the necessary rules to ensure safe, sustainable, quality recreational fishing for everyone.

*Instant licenses are available at MyFWC.com/License or by calling 888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356). Report violators by calling *FWC or #FWC on your cell phone, or 888-404-3922. Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing/ for more Fish Busters' columns.*

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Loxahatchee (Buddy)

06-13-09



Lake Poinsett

06-28-09



Florida Flyrod Club Total & Top Eight Weight Ladder

Updated 06/28/09

Grand Master	Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Top 8	Big Fish
Stahley, Ed	21.7	44.0	8.4	74.1	74.1	
Donoghue, Don	13.4	33.4	14.4	61.2	61.2	
Stahley, Lenny	14.0	29.0	13.5	56.5	56.5	
Deithorn, Dave*	4.2	23.9	9.5	37.6	37.0	Speck, 22 oz.; Shellcracker, 13 oz.
Davis, Janson	5.5	19.7	8.9	34.1	34.1	
Taylor, Ron	3.7	10.5	0.0	14.2	14.2	
Carter, Glen	1.5	1.8	0.0	3.3	3.3	
Goforth, Bob						
Master Angler	Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Top 8	Big Fish
Montminy, Alex	11.2	12.4	8.1	31.7	31.7	Bass, 2.9 lbs.
Barker, Don	10.8	5.4	9.0	25.2	25.2	
Richards, Jim	5.5	5.1	8.9	19.5	19.5	
McCallister, Glenn	7.5	3.6	4.1	15.2	15.2	
Wells, Henry	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	
Houser, Wes	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	
Knuckles, Brent	0.0	3.6	0.0	3.6	3.6	
Price, Coleman	0.0	2.4	1.0	3.4	3.4	
Chavers, Frank						
Hoskinson, Bill						
Houser, Steve						
Newbern, Tom						
Sports Angler	Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Top 8	Big Fish
Deithorn, Sean	4.4	24.5	9.5	38.4	38.4	
Benham, Dave	10.2	21.6	4.5	36.3	36.3	
Benham, Bea	10.2	16.3	4.5	31.0	31.0	Bream, 13.4 oz.
Adams, Frank	7.0	9.8	8.4	25.2	25.2	
Haskins, Lee	3.3	2.5	14.1	19.9	19.9	
Koller, Al	7.5	3.7	4.1	15.3	15.3	
Deithorn, Erik	0.0	7.1	0.0	7.1	7.1	
Price, Matthew	0.7	3.7	0.8	5.2	5.2	
Slawski, Teri	1.5	1.8	0.0	3.3	3.3	
Heuerman, Bill	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.1	1.1	
Brown, Betty						
Brown, Bill						
Canada, Gene						
Davis, Chris						
Duncklee, Ernest						
Ferrell, Ron						
Franklin, Casey						
Franklin, Don						
Franklin, Travis, Lt.						
Gersten, Cindy						
Gersten, Steve						
Hart, Herb						
Hart, Retha						
Heuerman, Sue						
Houston, Lang						
Knuckles, Helen						
Phillips, Hance						
Price, Virginia						
Sargent, Bill						
Saunders, Gene						
Smith, Herb						
Warren, Earl						

*NOTE: The total weight exceeds the top 8 weight when the individual has fished more than 8 tournaments.