

# FLORIDA FLYROD CLUB'S REEL NEWS

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## NEXT MEETING

**Jun 2, 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**

## BY-LAWS AND TOURNAMENT RULES:

The aforementioned by-laws and rules are available from **Betty Brown** at the meetings or by calling her to make other arrangements.

## DUES:

If you haven't pay your dues by the May meeting, you can still retain your membership by mailing your check to Treasurer Steve Gersten, 5120 Winchester Dr, Titusville, FL 32780 before the end of May—unless, of course, you've received an extension because of extenuating circumstances. The cost is \$30 for a family membership or \$25 for a single membership. Make your check payable to: **The Florida Flyrod Club**. Dues must be paid this month or you will lose your membership rights to count any fish weights in the 2009 tournaments. Of course, you can rejoin at any time and start over.

## FISHING & WATER REPORTS:

Weigh Master **Lenny Stahley** reported a good turnout for the Okeechobee tournaments and it was made even better by picking up a new member and having two guests join the fun in the second tournament. Lenny says Harney Pond north of the SR78 Bridge was the hot spot all weekend with the Kissimmee River coming in second on Saturday—a nice change considering we haven't done well in either place for quite some time. The water was clear, but the level was low everywhere. Strong ESE winds made casting a real challenge.

Three guests fished the 04/25-26/09 tournament just for fun—**Rob Gwinner is married to** the Deithorn's daughter **Catherine Anne** and **Bo** is their 10-year-old son. We bet **Bea Benham** is glad it was just for fun so she didn't lose her big fish (bluegill) title to Rob, who caught a 13.5 oz bluegill the same day she weighed one that was 13.4 oz. This is not Bo's first fly fishing trip, and we hope it won't be his last with us. Also joining us as a guest angler was **Frank Adams**—a friend of Lenny Stahley's. Frank became a member at the May meeting and, as you can see on page 3, he promises to be a real competitor.

Ed Stahley recently fished Lake Cypress and found hydrilla is greatly reduced and the water level is fine in both Cypress and Hatchineha.

Unless you are using a canoe, kayak or are wading, it is suggested you don't even bother going into Lake Poinsett. Recent weeks have shown a lot of boaters kicking up mud and then walking their boats back to shore.

### **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.



### **MEMBER NEWS:**

Our condolences go to the entire Franklin family upon the loss of **Casey & Travis Franklin's** mother, Diane, who had a heart attack after coming home from church on April 26. Her heart was restarted at the hospital, but she never recovered and died at the hospital on May 2. As related by **Don Franklin**, his daughter-in-law was one in a million. She never had an unkind word to say of anyone. **Ralph Franklin** married his high school sweetheart, Diane, 33 years ago. **Diane Franklin** was only 52 when she passed.

**Bill Hoskinson's** trip to Tampa in mid-April revealed the cancer has spread throughout the pancreas, kidneys and liver. Bill has elected to discontinue chemo because it makes him so sick and it would only buy him a few weeks. He would rather enjoy family and friends in what time remains instead of being sick. However, his liver became blocked causing great discomfort and prevented him from eating. A trip to Florida Hospital didn't help and he was sent back to Parrish; however, Parrish decided to thicken his blood and try to insert the stent. Thankfully, it worked and he will probably be coming home on May 6. Carolyn says his jaundice has improved considerably and he is feeling much. He would really like company even if just to have someone there to watch TV with him. Carolyn asks that you call first to be sure he's feeling up to company on the particular day you want to come. Your visits also free Carolyn to do things around the house as well.

Bill was honored with a picnic at Fox Lake Park the day before Easter by his friends and former co-workers at the Community Kitchen. He said it was a nice day, but very tiring.

Continue to keep Bill, Carolyn and the family in your prayers.

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

The club welcomed three new members at the May meeting.

**Frank Adams** was recommended for membership by **Lenny Stahley**. Frank lives with his wife, Lisa, in Cocoa.

**Tom Krumenacker** and wife, **Tommie Walters**, were recommended for membership by **Herb Hart**. **Herb and Retha** met Tom and Tommie on a trip out west and again in Georgia; but they live in Sebastian.

All three will be competing in the Sportsman Division.

[Sorry, we didn't get photos of our newest members, but hope to have them for the next issue.]

### **ROSTER:**

An updated roster is enclosed. Please check the information and let me know if anything has changed since last year. A final version will be available with the June newsletter, so be sure to phone in or email your corrections by the end of May.

### **THANK YOU**

The guys and gals who fished the weekend of April 25-26 thank **Ed and Mem Stahley** for opening their fishing abode at Buckhead for another great cookout between tournaments on April 25. As usual, everyone had a great meal and a lot of laughs.

**TOURNAMENT LADDER:** See attached.

**TOURNAMENT RESULTS:**

**Location: Okeechobee 04/25/09**

<b>Grand Master</b>		<b>Bass</b>	<b>Panfish</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Big Fish</b>
Davis	Janson		12.3		12.3	
Stahley	Ed		10.9		10.9	11 oz. Bluegill
Donoghue	Don		1.3	4.9	6.2	
Taylor	Ron		5.2		5.2	
Stahley	Lenny		2.1		2.1	
Deithorn	Dave		1.3		1.3	13 oz. shellcracker
<b>Master</b>		<b>Bass</b>	<b>Panfish</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Big Fish</b>
Richards	Jim		5.1		5.1	
Wells	Henry		5.0		5.0	
Knuckles	Brent		3.6		3.6	
Barker	Don		1.6		1.6	
McCallister	Glenn		1.6		1.6	
<b>Sportsman</b>		<b>Bass</b>	<b>Panfish</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Big Fish</b>
Deithorn	Sean		6.8		6.8	
Benham	Bea		3.1		3.1	
Benham	Dave		2.5		2.5	
Koller	Al		1.9		1.9	
Heuerman	Bill		1.1		1.1	

**Location: Okeechobee 04/25-26/09**

<b>Grand Master</b>		<b>Bass</b>	<b>Panfish</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Big Fish</b>
Stahley	Ed	2.7	10.1		12.8	2.7 lb Bass
Donoghue	Don		12.4		12.4	
Stahley	Lenny		10.6	1.7	12.3	
Davis	Janson		7.4		7.4	
Deithorn	Dave		6.1		6.1	
<b>Master</b>		<b>Bass</b>	<b>Panfish</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Big Fish</b>
Barker	Don		2.1		2.1	
<b>Sportsman</b>		<b>Bass</b>	<b>Panfish</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Big Fish</b>
Benham	Dave		12.4		12.4	
Deithorn	Sean		10.0		10.0	
Benham	Bea		6.7		6.7	13.4 oz Bluegill
Deithorn	Erik		2.3		2.3	
Koller	Al		0.7		0.7	

**Guests**

Adams	Frank		10.9	0.5	11.4	
Gwinner	Rob		5.0		5.0	
Gwinner	Bo		0.5		0.5	

**TOURNAMENTS, UPCOMING:**

**05/09/09**      **Lake Cypress**      (**NOT** Blue Cypress)  
Time: 6:30 am – 1 pm  
Launch From: Lake Cypress Ramp  
Weigh-in: Lake Cypress  
Weigh Master: Lenny Stahley

**Note:** As most of you know, parking is sometimes difficult on Saturdays, so many of you may prefer to go to Cypress on Friday and stay the night so your boat will be already in the water before the bass clubs come on Saturday. If you do, we suggest making reservations.

**Reservations:** Cypress Lake Fish Camp and RV Park, 3301 Lake Cypress Rd, Kenansville, FL 34739  
(407-957-3135) (407-892-3978 FAX)

**05/30/09**      **Johns Lake**  
Time: 6:30 am – 1 pm  
Launch From: Public Ramp  
Weigh-in: Public Ramp  
Weigh Master: Lenny Stahley

**Directions:**

**For those from Port St. John south:** Go west on SR 528 to the FL Turnpike to SR 50 west. At the light, turn left onto SR 50 then one mile west and at bottom of hill turn left to the ramp. It's approximately 1.5 hours from Cocoa. Don't forget to take money for the tolls on SR 528 and the Turnpike. Tolls are \$8 in each direction.

**For those in the Titusville area:** Go west on SR 50 to SR 408 to FL Turnpike to SR 50 west. At the light, turn south onto Remington Rd and follow the signs to the ramp. It's approximately 1.25 hours from Titusville. Don't forget to take money for the tolls on SR 408 and the Turnpike. Tolls are \$8 in each direction.

**Note to all who don't want to pay the tolls:** Although going out SR 50 is a shorter distance and you won't have the cost of tolls, it is a lot more congested and will take approximately 2.25 hours.

**Reservations:**

Best Value Inn (4 Miles East of the Turnpike)  
13603 W. Colonial Drive Winter Garden, FL 34787  
407-654-1188  
IHOP is part of the motel and there are other places to eat close by.

**06/13/09**      **Loxahatchee (Buddy Tournament)**

**Directions:** I-95 South to Jupiter exit. Pick up Florida Turnpike and go south. At SR 704 (Okeechobee Blvd), go west (4 miles). Then south on SR 7 (2 miles) to SR 98. SR 98 west to Twenty Mile Bend Bridge (11.5 miles to flashing light). Turn left at light. Cross bridge and turn left immediately. In 1/2 mile, turn right at sign for ramp which is located across one structure and adjacent to the next structures. Don't forget to pay the \$5 parking fee.

**“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 May 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](http://www.floridaflyrodclub.com)

Photos of our friendship party for **Bill Hoskinson** are now on the web. The ones in last month's newsletter were only a few of the photos taken, so check out the rest on our website.

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Okeechobee

04/25-26/09



Grandson  
Bo Gwinner



Granddad  
Dave Deithorn



Chef Janson  
Davis



Dave & Bea  
Benham



# Florida Flyrod Club Total & Top Eight Weight Ladder

Updated 04/26/09

Grand Master	Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Top 8	Big Fish
Stahley, Ed	10.3	29.8	0.0	40.1	40.1	Bass, 2.7 lbs.
Donoghue, Don	1.6	24.3	4.9	30.8	30.8	
Stahley, Lenny	2.3	18.0	5.4	25.7	25.7	
Davis, Janson	0.0	19.7	0.0	19.7	19.7	
Deithorn, Dave	0.0	18.4	0.0	18.4	18.4	Speck, 22 oz.; Shellcracker, 13 oz.
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
Barker, Don	1.4	4.4	0.0	5.8	5.8	
Richards, Jim	0.0	5.1	0.0	5.1	5.1	
Wells, Henry	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	
Montminy, Alex	0.0	4.4	0.0	4.4	4.4	
Knuckles, Brent	0.0	3.6	0.0	3.6	3.6	
McCallister, Glenn	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5	2.5	
Chavers, Frank						
Hoskinson, Bill						
Houser, Steve						
Houser, Wes						
Newbern, Tom						
Price, Coleman						
Sports Angler	Bass	Panfish	Other	Total	Top 8	Big Fish
Deithorn, Sean	1.6	22.2	0.0	23.8	23.8	Bream, 13.4 oz.
Benham, Dave	2.5	16.3	0.0	18.8	18.8	
Benham, Bea	2.5	11.2	0.0	13.7	13.7	
Deithorn, Erik	0.0	6.1	0.0	6.1	6.1	
Slawski, Teri	1.5	1.8	0.0	3.3	3.3	
Koller, Al	0.0	2.6	0.0	2.6	2.6	
Heuerman, Bill	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.1	1.1	
Bianco, Ernie						
Brown, Betty						
Brown, Bill						
Canada, Gene						
Davis, Chris						
Duncklee, Ernest						
Ferrell, Ron						
Franklin, Don						
Franklin, Travis, Lt.						
Gersten, Cindy						
Gersten, Steve						
Hart, Herb						
Hart, Retha						
Haskins, Lee						
Heuerman, Sue						
Houston, Lang						
Knuckles, Helen						
Montminy, Trish						
Phillips, Hance						
Price, Matthew						
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.						