

# FLORIDA FLYROD CLUB'S REEL NEWS

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## NEXT MEETING

**Oct 6, 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**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Glen Carter & Teri Slawski** finally tied the knot on May 15 after three years of "thinking it over." The simple outdoor wedding was witnessed by Dave & Bea Benham as Best Man & Maid of Honor, Glen & Teri's children and grandchildren, and a few close friends. Diane Durrand, a good friend of Glen & Teri's, officiated.

Glen & Teri, we wish you both all the happiness you deserve. [*No, Glen, there is no hidden meaning.*]

Editor's Note: You're only hearing about it now because I just heard about it.



## FISHING & WATER REPORTS:

The trip to Okeechobee the weekend of Aug 8-9 was a mixed bag. After putting the boat in the water first time out of Mullis Marine, **Glenn McCallister** had it break down again which left he and **Al Koller** on the sidelines. **Don Donoghue** became ill and went home early Saturday morning. He said he spent a few rough days.

Saturday afternoon several people said a final farewell to **Bill Hoskinson** as **Alex Montminy** spread Bill's ashes over the water in the Rim Canal as family and friends watched from the bridge on the south end of Buckhead Ridge Marina. **Glenn McCallister** read scripture and **Al Koller** said a few words of fond remembrances. As Alex drove his boat (formerly Bill's boat) into the sunset, everyone tossed white carnations from the bridge to the water below. Some folks joined the family at Lightsey's for dinner and some fond remembrances and funny stories, while others continued fishing the tournament.

Fish were caught Saturday and Sunday mornings, but Saturday evening was rough as rain and lightning became a party pooper. The bass were pretty small--as you can see from the photo later in the newsletter. You may need to zoom in if you're reading on the computer or get out your magnifying glass in you got a hard copy. **Betty Brown** had to call **Dave Deithorn** to see if it really was a bass or a bass-shaped ballpoint pen. The tilapia Dave caught was really nice size though.

The East Lake trip on Aug 22 was not as well attended as we anticipated and the wind was a bit more than desired, but fish were caught and many more were lost. Of course, the ones that got away were much larger than the ones that were caught as is usually the case. One "Big Fish" that was caught was a 13.3oz Shellcracker weighed in by **Ed Stahley**.

## 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.



**TOURNAMENT LADDER:** See attached.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

**Location: Lake Okeechobee 08/08/09**

| Grand Master |        | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Big Fish |
|--------------|--------|------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Davis        | Janson | 0.0  | 4.1     | 7.2   | 11.3  |          |
| Carter       | Glen   | 0.0  | 5.4     | 3.4   | 8.8   |          |
| Deithorn     | Dave   | 0.0  | 1.5     | 5.5   | 7.0   |          |
| Stahley      | Ed     | 0.0  | 2.7     | 3.9   | 6.6   |          |
| Stahley      | Lenny  | 0.0  | 2.0     | 1.8   | 3.8   |          |

| Master   |         | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Big Fish |
|----------|---------|------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Richards | Jim     | 0.0  | 2.7     | 4.4   | 7.1   |          |
| Price    | Coleman | 0.0  | 3.5     | 0.0   | 3.5   |          |
| Barker   | Don     | 0.0  | 2.0     | 0.0   | 2.0   |          |

| Sportsman |       | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Big Fish |
|-----------|-------|------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Carter    | Teri  | 0.0  | 5.1     | 0.0   | 5.1   |          |
| Adams     | Frank | 0.0  | 3.5     | 0.0   | 3.5   |          |

**Location: Lake Okeechobee 08/08-09/09**

| Grand Master |        | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Big Fish |
|--------------|--------|------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Carter       | Glen   | 0.0  | 3.6     | 9.0   | 12.6  |          |
| Stahley      | Lenny  | 0.0  | 5.8     | 3.7   | 9.5   |          |
| Davis        | Janson | 0.0  | 2.5     | 4.7   | 7.3   |          |

| Master   |      | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Big Fish |
|----------|------|------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Richards | Jim  | 0.0  | 0.0     | 4.0   | 4.0   |          |
| Montminy | Alex | 0.0  | 0.0     | 3.5   | 3.5   |          |

| Sportsman |       | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Big Fish |
|-----------|-------|------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Carter    | Teri  | 0.0  | 6.0     | 0.0   | 6.0   |          |
| Adams     | Frank | 0.0  | 5.3     | 0.0   | 5.3   |          |

**Location: East Lake 08/22/09**

| Grand Master |      | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Big Fish             |
|--------------|------|------|---------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| Stahley      | Ed   | 1.3  | 9.1     | 0.0   | 10.4  | Shellcracker 13.3 oz |
| Donoghue     | Don  | 3.7  | 5.3     | 0.0   | 9.0   |                      |
| Deithorn     | Dave | 0.0  | 2.7     | 0.0   | 2.7   |                      |

| Master   |         | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Big Fish |
|----------|---------|------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Montminy | Alex    | 1.7  | 3.2     | 0.0   | 4.9   |          |
| Price    | Coleman | 0.0  | 0.6     | 0.0   | 0.6   |          |

| Sportsman |     | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Big Fish |
|-----------|-----|------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Haskins   | Lee | 0.0  | 1.1     | 0.0   | 1.1   |          |

No photos from this trip.

## TOURNAMENTS, UPCOMING:

**09/19/09**

**East Lake**

**Time:** 6:45 am – 12:45 pm

**Weigh-in:** Chisholm Park (see directions below)

**Weigh Master:** Lenny Stahley

**09/19-20/09**

**St. Cloud Open**

**Time:** 09/19 3:00 pm – 09/20 11:00 am

**Weigh-in:** Chisholm 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.

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| <b>Places to Stay:</b> 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 Chisholm Park Ramp:** Take SR 192 West. Turn right onto Narcoossee Rd (SR 15). Go approximately 2.2 miles north to Chisholm Park Public Boat Ramp; there is a large brown sign with white letters. Turn left at Chisholm Park Trail. It will dead end at the ramp.

Nice ramp with several lanes and parking available for about 30 vehicles and trailers.

**“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 September 30, 2009:

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| Phones:     | 321-504-7881 (H), 321-749-9949 (C)                           |
| Email:      | <a href="mailto:lizbrown@cfl.rr.com">lizbrown@cfl.rr.com</a> |
| Snail mail: | 855 Clifton’s Cove Ct., Cocoa, FL 32926                      |

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

More photos than those in the newsletter can be found on the website.

## YOU NEED TO KNOW:

You may want to keep the enclosed chart on Exotics in your file for future reference.



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Saying "Farewell" to Bill Hoskinson

08-08-09





Okeechobee Tournaments

08/08-09/09



For immediate release: August 31, 2009  
Contact: Patricia Behnke, 850-251-2130

Poster: Go to [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com) and click on "Newsroom."

## Exotic fish poster now available

"Don't release exotic pets!" That's the message behind a colorful new poster available through a joint effort between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Outdoor Writers Association (FOWA). The 20" x 36" poster, titled "Some of Florida's Exotic Freshwater Fishes," displays 17 species of nonnative fishes currently established in Florida. These exotic species were introduced by man from foreign countries, and with a couple of exceptions, are unwanted residents in the Sunshine State.

There are 34 reproducing exotic fishes established in Florida, according to the FWC's Division of Habitat and Species Conservation. The poster depicts the most widespread or commonly caught species. Wildlife artist Diane Rome Peebles produced 15 of the illustrations used in this poster. The other two illustrations were created by well-known wildlife artist Duane Raver. University and federal government researchers familiar with each species advised the artists to help create attractive, detailed and accurate depictions.

The new "Exotic Freshwater Fishes" poster was designed as a sister-publication to the FWC's "Freshwater Fishes" poster.

"The FWC actually initiated this project several years ago," said FWC biologist Paul Shafland, who along with biologist John Cimbaro created the poster's design. "Without FOWA's generous funding, it would not have come to fruition at this time. We are very grateful for their contribution."

FOWA provided \$2,500 for printing of 9,300 posters, which are being made available to the public at no cost. The FWC hopes to convey a simple message.

"It is illegal to release any nonnative fish or any other nonnative organism in Florida," said Scott Hardin, the FWC's exotic species coordinator. "The only way to really stop exotics is to let people know they should never release them."

Moreover, some people consider releasing exotic pets inhumane because most will die shortly after being released. However, those that survive could have detrimental environmental effects.

The FWC has a three-pronged approach to exotic fishes: prevention of illegal exotic fish releases through education, development of specific regulations, and law enforcement; assessment of those exotic fishes already present in Florida to understand what their effects really are; and management aimed at reducing the abundance of these unwanted residents. One management approach is to encourage people to fish for exotic fishes they can eat.

There are two exceptions: the butterfly peacock bass, which was purposefully released by the FWC to eat other exotic fishes, while increasing recreational angling opportunities in metropolitan Southeast Florida canals; and the triploid grass carp, which have been introduced to eat exotic vegetation.

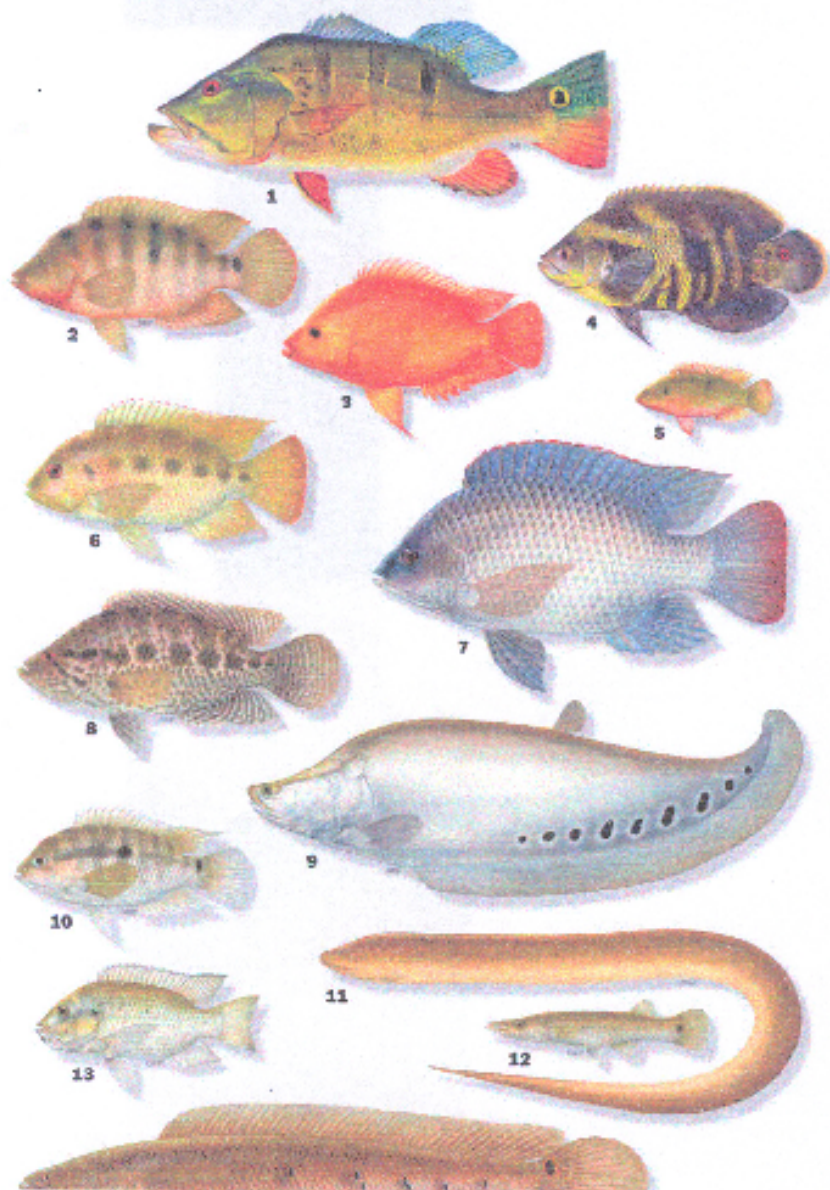
The exotic fishes poster is online in a reduced, printable size at [MyFWC.com/images/Conservation/FW\\_Exotics\\_Poster\\_Small.jpg](http://MyFWC.com/images/Conservation/FW_Exotics_Poster_Small.jpg) or a full-size poster is available at any of the FWC's regional offices. More information about exotic species in Florida is at [MyFWC.com/Nonnatives](http://MyFWC.com/Nonnatives). In the meantime, the FWC is reminding Floridians: "Help protect our natural resources – Don't release exotic pets!"



# FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## SOME OF FLORIDA'S EXOTIC FRESHWATER FISHES

- 1 **Butterfly Peacock**  
(*Cichla ocellaris*)
- 2 **Mayan Cichlid**  
(*Cichlasoma mapanichthys*)
- 3 **Midas Cichlid**  
(*Cichlasoma nigrofasciatum*)
- 4 **Oscar**  
(*Astronotus ocellatus*)
- 5 **African Jewelfish**  
(*Basilichthys leuconotus*)
- 6 **Spotted Tilapia**  
(*Tilapia mariae*)
- 7 **Blue Tilapia**  
(*Oreochromis mossambicus*)
- 8 **Jaguar Guapote**  
(*Cichlasoma temapopense*)
- 9 **Clown Knifefish**  
(*Akara nana*)
- 10 **Black Acara**  
(*Cichlasoma trimaculatum*)
- 11 **Swamp Eel**  
(*Monopristis albus*)
- 12 **Pike Killifish**  
(*Ikanodon kribiaensis*)
- 13 **Blackchin Tilapia**  
(*Oreochromis melanogaster*)
- 14 **Bullseye Snakehead**  
(*Channa argus*)



# Florida Flyrod Club Total & Top Eight Weight Ladder

Updated 08/22/09

| Grand Master          | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Top 8 | Big Fish               |
|-----------------------|------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------|
| Stahley, Ed*          | 26.4 | 78.3    | 12.3  | 117.0 | 92.0  | Shellcracker, 13.3 oz. |
| Donoghue, Don*        | 24.3 | 63.2    | 14.4  | 101.9 | 87.7  |                        |
| Stahley, Lenny*       | 14.0 | 51.8    | 19.0  | 84.8  | 79.9  |                        |
| Davis, Janson         | 5.5  | 26.3    | 20.9  | 52.7  | 52.7  | Speck, 22 oz.          |
| Deithorn, Dave*       | 5.9  | 36.7    | 15.0  | 57.6  | 44.9  |                        |
| Carter, Glen          | 1.5  | 10.8    | 12.4  | 24.7  | 24.7  |                        |
| Taylor, Ron           | 3.7  | 10.5    | 0.0   | 14.2  | 14.2  |                        |
| Goforth, Bob          |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| Master Angler         | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Top 8 | Big Fish               |
| Montminy, Alex        | 19.7 | 32.4    | 11.6  | 63.7  | 63.7  | Bass, 3.7 lbs.         |
| Richards, Jim         | 5.5  | 7.8     | 17.3  | 30.6  | 30.6  |                        |
| Barker, Don           | 14.1 | 9.4     | 9.0   | 32.5  | 32.5  |                        |
| Price, Coleman        | 0.0  | 17.6    | 1.0   | 18.6  | 18.6  |                        |
| McCallister, Glenn    | 7.5  | 3.6     | 4.1   | 15.2  | 15.2  |                        |
| Houser, Wes           | 0.0  | 13.2    | 0.0   | 13.2  | 13.2  |                        |
| Wells, Henry          | 0.0  | 13.0    | 0.0   | 13.0  | 13.0  |                        |
| Knuckles, Brent       | 0.0  | 3.6     | 0.0   | 3.6   | 3.6   |                        |
| Chavers, Frank        |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| Houser, Steve         |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| Newbern, Tom          |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| Sports Angler         | Bass | Panfish | Other | Total | Top 8 | Big Fish               |
| Adams, Frank          | 7.0  | 30.6    | 8.4   | 46.0  | 46.0  | Bream, 13.4 oz.        |
| 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  |                        |
| Haskins, Lee          | 3.3  | 10.8    | 14.1  | 28.2  | 28.2  |                        |
| Koller, Al            | 7.5  | 3.7     | 4.1   | 15.3  | 15.3  |                        |
| Carter, Teri          | 1.5  | 12.9    | 0.0   | 14.4  | 14.4  |                        |
| Deithorn, Erik        | 0.0  | 7.1     | 0.0   | 7.1   | 7.1   |                        |
| Price, Matthew        | 0.7  | 3.7     | 0.8   | 5.2   | 5.2   |                        |
| Smith, Herb           | 0.0  | 4.4     | 0.0   | 4.4   | 4.4   |                        |
| 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       |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| McKinney, Keith       |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| Phillips, Hance       |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| Price, Virginia       |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| Sargent, Bill         |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| Saunders, Gene        |      |         |       |       |       |                        |
| Warren, Earl          |      |         |       |       |       |                        |

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