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Shell Pt. Trip Report

Trip Report Shell Point Sept 22
(This trip was rescheduled from Sept 8th)

by Peter Stoecklin

Hurricane Isadora threatened to cause a cancellation. Our guide Captain Jody Campbell smartly waited for the late arriving reports. The storm went south and we went fishing out of Shell Point Marina. It was a near perfect day with just a tad too much wind up until about noon. Overall, it was a great day for being on the water. Unfortunately, we forgot to tell the larger trout and red fish to show up for the fishing party.

Our boat had a hard time finding keeper fish. We had plenty of action with small trout but no redfish and no really large trout. Spence Davis scored a very nice trout on the Broderidge Spin Fly (streamer fly with single spinner blade on the tail).

Cal Allen and Jerry Bell enjoyed much better success. Cal had a twenty four-inch ladyfish on a chartreuse and white clouser, two

large sailcats, one hardhead catfish and a limit of keeper trout. Jerry had almost as good a day with several keeper trout and many smaller ones.

We had some guests on this trip. Jerry Bell invited his friend from Panama City, Ben Savage, to fish with us. Ben had lots of good stories about Jerry. In addition, Cal had his friends Mary Ester and Dural Raker. The Rakers live in Crawfordville. Mary drove their boat while Dural stayed back. Everyone was impressed with Mary Ester's skill at driving the boat.

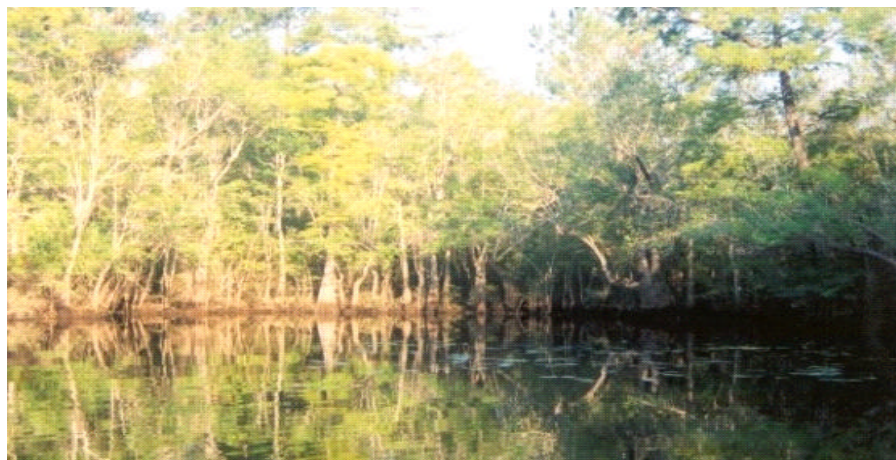


One of the highlights of the trip was a five-pound pompano. Captain Jody landed this fish using a plastic shrimp; it was his personal best. I thank Jody many times over for the fish. We fixed it that very evening for dinner. That was without a doubt the best fish I ever ate. Let's have a pompano-fishing trip!

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New River Trip Report



by Cal Allen

After dealing with the uncertainty of 'LILY' and the high waters of 'ISADOR', we finally made it a "go". Our party was composed of Gerald Bell and his guest, Carlton McCall and myself. The river had been in the woods just two days earlier and I believe the fish were not hungry. I caught one nice stumpknocker and Gerald and Carl caught about 12 (bluegill, redbreast, stumpknocker and a warmouth) Under these circumstances, we considered this fairly good. A strong thunderstorm ended our fishing at about 2 o'clock. We loaded up and went to Carrabelle for some fine grouper sandwiches and tall tales.

A "rain check" is in order and my invitation stands for anyone to come down for fresh or salt water fishing. Call me at 697-8380. I'll be back in town the first of November

THE RAFFLE REPORT

by Wayne Southwell

THE OCTOBER RAFFLE

The October 14th raffle will be comprised of the following six (6) items, awarded in random order as selected by the winning members.

- 1) Free subscription to Fly Fisherman magazine.
- 2) Two Cortland fly lines.
- 3) A Saltwater fly set.
- 4) Three spools of Umpqua tippet material.
- 5) An Umpqua hook storage box.

Raffle tickets will be available for sale before the meeting at a cost of 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, or 7 for \$20. As always, any additional raffle items donated by the membership will be greatly appreciated.

NEW & USED FLY RODS FOR SALE

- 4 wt., 4 piece, Sage RPL+, new in the tube (with warranty card) = \$275 or best offer.
- 6 wt., 3 piece, Sage SP, new in the tube (with warranty card) = \$275 or best offer.
- 9 wt., 3 piece, Redington DFR, new in the tube = \$250 or best offer.
- 9 wt., 2 piece, Sage RPLX, used in the tube = \$150 or best offer.
- 7 wt., 3 piece, Redington DFR, used in the tube = \$225 or best offer.

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September's Raffle Winners

by Wayne Southwell

Members and visitors are encouraged to continue to support our monthly raffles. Your support allows us to provide quality items like those raffled at the September meeting. Congratulations to the following raffle winners:

1. Orvis Fly Set – David Hanselman
2. Cortland 444 Fly Line – Spence Davis
3. Umpqua Fly Pattern Book – Peter Stoecklin
4. Cortland 555 Fly Line – Frank Greenberg

September Meeting Summary

Tom Broderidge, who was the featured speaker, gave a humorous presentation about learning fly-casting techniques. He used a variety of common items likely to be found in your home or garage to demonstrate the proper execution of the fundamentals. He used the analogy of swinging a golf club by slowly accelerating and then “exploding” at a point immediately prior to contact with the ball to depict the proper use of energy in fly-casting’s required short, abrupt power stroke near

the end of the cast. He advised to forget the arc commonly demonstrated via the clock analogy for fly-casting, because the effective stroke is more accurately described as a trapezoid with the short, horizontal portion being the path of the caster’s hand. He also used a hammer to demonstrate the arm and hand’s path in hitting boards positioned in front and back of the caster at shoulder level as the proper stroke for a fly-caster. He continued by suggesting that the caster look at his

back cast to see if the timing and loop on the back cast are being executed properly. Tom closed by mentioning the common defensive justification for fly-casters who cannot cast effectively, as measured by his ability to cast an entire fly-line, being the argument that you don’t need to cast that far to catch fish.

Shallow Water Fishing Expo Info

by Wayne Southwell

Fly, Bait or Spin... Fishing's! Learn everything you ever wanted to know about shallow water and light tackle fishing. Learn from celebrity experts such as Lefty Kreh, Chico Fernandez, and Rick Ruoff; sit in on informational seminars, and browse name brands from hundreds of manufacturers. It’s all in one place...at one time. For more information, contact Mark Castlow at 561-562-5069 or log on to www.castlow.com.

Shallow Water Fishing Expo
Tampa Florida, November 9th & 10th
Tampa Convention Center
Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-5
Adults - \$10, Children Under 13 – Free

FBBF Trip Info

WHAT: Lake Talquin - Largemouth Bass and Stripers

WHERE: Gully Branch Pavillion

WHEN: 8:00am, Saturday, October 19

FEATURES: This day trip will use the services of guide Capt. David Mock. Fishing will be from boats. Every effort will be made to provide space for members without boats. Trip cost is expected to run about \$35/person. The day will start with an initial briefing by Capt. Mock at Williams Landing at 7:00am. Bring your own food and drink.

TRIP COORDINATION: Please contact Lee Averitt at 224-7425 to register your intent to participate and indicate whether you will need a seat or have seating available in your boat.

NOTE: This trip will be open to guests of members. In case the need for seats exceeds the supply, members and guest will be accommodated on a 1st come 1st served basis.

**"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to fly fish and you sell him rods, reels, and equipment for a lifetime."
--Santee Middleton**

Treasurer’s Report for September

by Wayne Southwell

Beginning Balance:	\$765.51
Expenses:	\$390.00
Revenues:	\$205.00
Ending Balance:	\$580.51

Notes:
Expenses = \$ 200-guest speaker, \$100-web master, \$90-raffle items.
Revenues = \$70-dues, \$135-raffle.

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Membership in FBBF consists of the following categories with very minimal dues for each:

Individual Member	\$35.00
Family Membership	\$45.00
Student Membership	\$15.00

**The next meeting is October 14 at
Buckhead Brewery and Grill.**

The meeting begins at 7:00.

Fall Redfish and Trout Program