



President's Message
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Fellow Anglers;

This is a very important time of the year for us all. I want to wish you the best during this festive time. I hope all is well with you and yours.

I want to thank the members who have helped the council grow so well. Their outstanding work has made a huge difference. I especially want to thank the board of directors and club presidents for their continued support.

At this time of the year it is traditional for me to ask the clubs and members to assist our council financially. I appeal to you all to give what you think is appropriate. You can do so by send a check to Florida Council FFF at my address.

The council is moving forward in several ways. We have done several excellent conservation projects and assisted in others. I am thrilled to see the clubs taking an active roll in conservation in their areas. I will always be here to help in future projects. Education projects are moving more slowly, but still moving. We completed the first fly casting workshop in Tallahassee and the first Fly Tying workshop in The Villages. Both were successful. We will continue with this series early next year. Any club that would host one of these programs will get priority for their area.

Membership is way up. In fact, we have grown 25% since last year this time. That is the largest increase of any council in the FFF. We now are approaching 700 members and still growing fast. Affiliate club members who are not FFF members have until the end of the month to join at the discounted rate of \$15.00. Now is your chance to join the only national organization solely dedicated to fly fishing. Even if you miss you deadline, the cost is only \$35.00 and \$25.00 for senior citizens. Youth prices are very low, so sign up your young friends and relatives. Club officers are asked to encourage renewals of their members at meetings and in newsletters and web sites.

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The Federation has determined that Florida and the southeast are so important that they are planning the National Fly Fishing Expo in Lakeland on March 28-30, 2008. This is a huge step in the expansion of the Federation and we are the first recipients. Everyone should be planning to attend for all three days and participate in the workshops and seminars. Watch for advertising in this web site and in national magazines and local newspapers.

The Federation is concerned about the communication between the councils and the clubs. Our Cindy Russell, from the South Florida Fly Fishers Club, is leading the group that is working on this problem. So... tell me what you would like to see the council do to bring more information to you. I will be getting advice from Cindy on this too. Hopefully, I can resolve any communication problems quickly. It is very important to me and to the FFF that you all feel part of the whole and that your contributions be recognized and appreciated.

Finally, I hope you take time to fish. We are a fishing organization and we should never forget that the organization will be useless if we don't go fishing. Take advantage of all the outings your club puts on and develop fishing friends all over the country through the Federation.

Happy Holidays,
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