



Cape Fear Flyfishers Meeting Minutes—February 19, 2025

<https://capefearff.com>

President Rick Hettenbach called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the St James Community Center. Approximately 35 members attended the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

A few visitors/new members attended meeting:

- Ron Ryll Tel: 215-584-0986 Email: Ron.Ryll@gmail.com
- Sarah Angell, Email: sarahprudence@yahoo.com
- Don Porter became a new member Tel. 336-477-9349. Email: 1winport@gmail.com.
- Dan Pitt became a new member. Tel: 631-336-9172 Email: danielcpitt@aol.com

FLY Raffle:

- Van Mauney won the fly raffle

FISHING REPORTS

- Rev. Jim White was applauded for the great oyster roast he hosted March 15 at his home
- Joe Rinaldi presented a group of nine that went on a recent trip to Patagonia, a few photos attached

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Doug Donaldson reported that the club's cash balance is \$ 5312.15 .

A MailChimp email was sent reminding everyone renew membership with 2025 dues.

Unfortunately because we did not have a February meeting our dues collection is behind with only 42 of 72 members renewing.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The club announced that due to interest in a membership directory, CFF would have a directory posted on the web site. It would be password protected to keep it secure from website visitors who are not members. Members would like to recognize members more easily if a photo is included. Members are encouraged to send a photo for inclusion.

UPCOMING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 22 Casting Clinic; 10-12 Dutchman Creek park, 4750 Fish Factory Rd. SE, Southport.
- April 5 Kayak/Boat trip
- May 14 Annual Picnic at Woodlands Pavilion, St James
- Continued Monthly meetings June, July, August
- October 4-8 Beaufort Trip in concert with FFI
- October 19-24 Spousal Fishing trip to Dillsboro, NC

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

Nicolay Bell of Tuck Fly Shop in Sylva, NC www.flyshopusa.com

He presented fishing in N.W. North Carolina and hurricane recovery.

He is coordinating the spousal trip October 19-24, originally cancelled last year and now rebooked to those who have credits from last year

Several photos of fish caught since last year's storm were shown as well as fishing information on the area in general; See Attached slides;



Tuckaseegee Fly Shop

- Full service fly shop in WNC established in 2014
 - Retail, guided fishing, youtube channel, podcast, blog
- 3 locations
 - Bryson City, Sylva, Waynesville
- Destination Travel
 - Patagonia, Slovenia, Montana, Wyoming

Fishing post Helene

- We were on the edge or outside of the designated disaster area
- River Health
 - No warnings or closures due to contaminants
 - Abundant bug life
 - River cleanups
- Stocking
 - Back to normal operations in November

Where We Fish

- Tuckasegee River
 - Jackson County DH
 - Swain County DH
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Additional Waters
 - Private water, Cherokee, various hatchery supported waters

Tuckasegee River

- Jackson County DH
 - Webster/Dillsboro along N and S River Rd
 - Access
 - Lots of pull off access, Webster easier wading, Dillsboro less busy
 - Generation Schedules
 - Be aware for wading
- Swain County DH
 - Less opportunity to wade, more species
- Tactics
 - Mainly subsurface-indicator rigs and streamers, evening dry fly

Additional Fishing Opportunities

- **Private Water**
 - Scott's Creek in Sylva, Pigeon River
- **Cherokee**
 - General Water vs. Trophy Water
 - Extra Fee
- **Hatchery Supported**
 - Lots of water throughout the surrounding counties
 - No fishing March-1st Saturday in April

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

- Wild fish, dry fly action, can be technical, casting can be difficult
- Mix of easy access and hike in opportunity
- Lots of native Southern Appalachian Brook Trout water
- **Highlighted Streams:**
 - Deep Creek-Technical, big browns
 - Oconaluftee-Roadside access
 - Straight Fork-find solitude with easy access and wading

Recreation-what is there for my spouse to do while I'm fishing??

- Shopping
 - Sylva, Waynesville, Bryson City all have small walkable downtown areas full of shops and restaurants
- GSMNP
 - Hiking, Oconaluftee Visitor Center-Mountain Farm Museum, Elk
- Casino
 - Harrah's Cherokee
- Barber's Orchard in Waynesville
 - Apple farm with the best apple cider donuts and fritters
- Great Smokey Mountains Railroad, Bryson City



Contact Info

- Shop phone: 828 488 3333
- Email: Nicolay@tuckflyshop.com
- Website: www.tuckflyshop.com
- Web Store: www.flyshopusa.com

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. Many members continued discussions at Paul's on Oak Island.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Falkenstein

CFF Board for 2024/25 are:

Rick Hettenbach -President/Club Officer
Al Roy-Vice President/Club Officer
Doug Donaldson-Treasurer/Club Officer
Dennis Falkenstein-Secretary/Club Officer
Jim White
Steve Moore
Jim Larson
Joe Fetter
Dominick Sangillo

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