

Minutes July 15, 2015
St. James Community Center

The Cape Fear Flyfishers met at the St. James Community Center on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

Introduction of New Members and Guests

The club welcomed guest and new member Ed Smith. Ed is a resident of St. James Plantation and is an avid fly fisherman.

Approval of Minutes

The members approved the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Tony Mangiapane reported we have \$1,985 in the bank which will drop to \$1,635 after making an upcoming IFFF payment for insurance of \$350.

Fly Drawing

Tony Mangiapane held the winning ticket for the fly drawing.

Fishing Reports

St. James Ponds - Dan Sokoloski now lives on a pond and finds that surface poppers fished around the edges are not working this time of the year with the warmer water. Instead, he uses a sinking fly in deeper water. He has caught bass at 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. using this tactic.

Old Business

Annual Picnic – We have a new location and a new format for the Cape Fear Flyfishers picnic this year. The date is Wednesday, August 19- the 3rd Wednesday in August, i.e., our normal meeting time. Hours will be 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The food will

be provided by The BBQ House of Oak Island and will arrive around 6:00. The location will be the William S. Smith Park, 4446 Fish Factory Road, Southport, NC 28461. Jim White will be sending an email with more details.

Holiday Party – The holiday party will be held Thursday, December 17th in the pub room of the St. James Plantation Members Club, the same location as last year.

New Business

Montana Trip – Six members will participate in the Montana trip, July 19-25.

N.C. Mountain Trip, Waynesville, NC – The trip is scheduled for October 11-15. Spouses are welcome and participants can be flexible in planning which days they wish to participate. There will be opportunities for wade and float fishing -- on the [Tuckaseegee River](#), Davidson River, a fork of the Pigeon River, and the Cherokee Tribal waters. The wading rate for three people is \$450/day, \$150/day per angler.

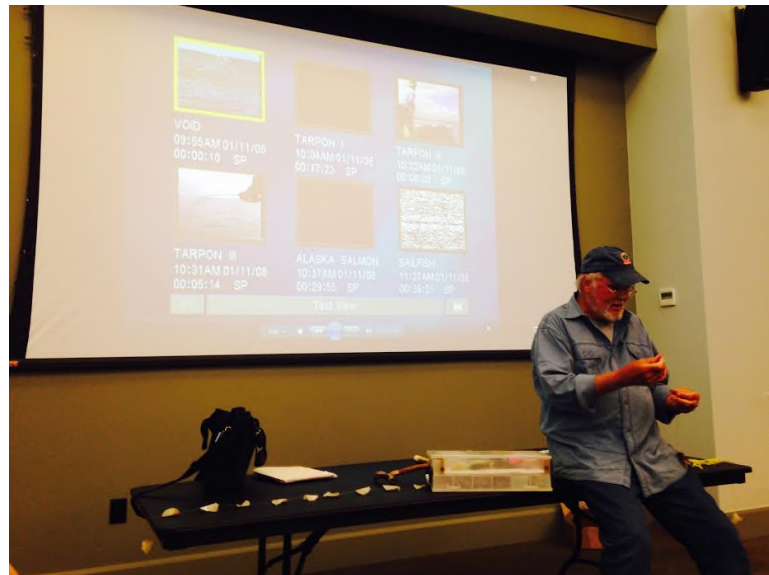
Steve Moore gave an informative presentation on expected fishing conditions and opportunities for unguided wade fishing. See Steve for more information on non-guided wading options. We will stay at the Best Western Smokey Mountain Inn. Harry will send an email soon to ask members to confirm their participation.

Morehead City – we will discuss this trip further in upcoming meetings. Timing will be November but will be flexible, depending on the weather and fishing reports and when we schedule other club trips.

Georgetown, S.C. – we are aiming for late October; some members will be trailering 4-5 boats; we can also hire guides.

PROGRAM: FLYFISHING FOR TARPON

Member Bobby Sands shared his experiences fly fishing for tarpon, including a video on one of his tarpon fishing ventures in Costa Rica. Bobby showed some of the equipment he used, including a 11 weight rod he made from blanks. Two of his favorite reels are the Abel super 12 (black please, no cutesy colors) and the pre-1990 Fin-Nor 4.5.



The film was well narrated and edited, showing the beautiful scenery of the Costa Rican jungle, rivers, and villages, with exciting fishing highlights, including the 135 lb tarpon Bobby caught after a one hour and 45 minute battle. Members can find a good account of one of Bobby's tarpon adventures in Costa Rica in the second book of his trilogy: "Racing Sunrises: The Greatest Leaper."



Favorite Tarpon Flies

Respectfully submitted,

Forest Duncan
Secretary