The Acute Angler

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GOFC News

President's Message

Dale Reed

The water temperatures are warming up quickly and the fish are starting to show up in large numbers. Spanish mackeral seem to be everywhere and the Cobia have done the same. Sometimes using a little chum around structure seems to help find them. Using a live pinfish or a DOA bait buster are usually the way to go. Amberjack are on deeper structure and are in quite an abundance right now !! Also, we are starting to see tarpon roll through the area in good numbers as well. Don't forget June 1 finally… Grouper season will open. American red snapper season will open June 11 for 40 days as well. **Don't forget about the free fish fry at Gary's tackle box on Tuesday June 26th.** We will have lots and lots of free giveaways at this function as it is one of our premier events of the year. We want to thank Wally and Gary for letting us host our fish fry there again this year... FREE to all paid member. If you have any questions please go to gofc.us or spell out Gainesville offshore fishing club on Facebook. Tight lines and safe boating to you all.

Spring Tournament Winners

Master Angler: Mike Siancome

Offshore Angler: Jerry Rose

Inshore Angler: John Patrick and Philip Reinhart (tie)

Boat with the Most Species: Mike Saincome & David Patterson

Happy 50th Birthday GOFC!

This year GOFC is celebrating their 50th anniversary! To commemorate this special year, be on the look out for limited edition GOFC shirts and decals!

Reminders:

Be sure to renew your GOFC membership and pay the club dues! Please see the GOFC website (paying online) or treasurer Debby Knopf!

The mission of the Gainesville Offshore Fishing Club is to promote and support recreational saltwater fishing in the Big Bend area; to provide educational and recreational experiences for its members of all ages; and, to promote responsible conservation of saltwater resources.

Fish Caught Since the Last Newsletter (not in tournaments)

Angler: Tim Pedersen
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 2.33 lbs
Date Caught: 04/03/18
Lure/Bait: Lure
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Dale Reed
Fish: Snook
Weight: 8.0 lbs
Date Caught: 04/05/18
Lure/Bait: Plastic
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Phil Horn
Fish: Spanish Mackerel
Weight: 3 lbs 12 oz
Date Caught: 04/12/18
Lure/Bait: Spoon
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: John Patrick
Fish: Sheepshead
Weight: 5.77 lbs
Date Caught: 04/03/18
Lure/Bait: Shrimp
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ross McElroy
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 6.5 lbs
Date Caught: 04/01/18
Lure/Bait: Crank Bait
Location: Suwannee

Angler: John Patrick
Fish: Spanish Mackerel
Weight: 2 lbs 11 oz
Date Caught: 04/12/18
Lure/Bait: Spoon
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: John Patrick
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 1.52 lbs
Date Caught: 04/03/18
Lure/Bait: Lure
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ross McElroy
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 2.64 lbs
Date Caught: 04/08/18
Lure/Bait: Spoon
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Justin Magnifico
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3.43 lbs
Date Caught: 04/12/18
Lure/Bait: Lure
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Virgil Cooper
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 2.21 lbs
Date Caught: 04/02/18
Lure/Bait: Lure
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 7 lbs 8 oz
Date Caught: 04/08/18
Lure/Bait: Shrimp
Location: Suwannee

Angler: Chris Green
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 43”
Date Caught: 04/14/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Dale Reed
Fish: Seatrout
Weight: 3.72 lbs
Date Caught: 04/05/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Shannon Goldstein
Fish: Sheepshead
Weight: 2.70 lbs
Date Caught: 04/01/18
Lure/Bait: Bait
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Tim Pedersen
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 37.25”
Date Caught: 04/19/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Dale Reed
Fish: Tripletail
Weight: 3.13 lbs
Date Caught: 04/05/18
Lure/Bait: Shrimp
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Shannon Goldstein
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 5.92 lbs
Date Caught: 04/09/18
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Keaton Beach

Angler: Ed Ellett
Fish: Gag Grouper
Weight: 24.5 inches
Date Caught: 04/19/18
Lure/Bait: Live Shiner
Location: 60’+

Fish Caught Since the Last Newsletter (continued)

Angler: Tim Pedersen
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 6.11 lbs
Date Caught: 04/22/18
Lure/Bait: Lure
Location: Keaton Beach

Angler: David Patterson
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 36.25”
Date Caught: 05/07/18
Lure/Bait: Live Bait
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Hal Wilson
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 2 lbs 10 oz
Date Caught: 05/09/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ken Knopf
Fish: Cobia
Weight: 36.8 lbs
Date Caught: 05/07/18
Lure/Bait: Pigfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: John Byatt
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 1 lb 10 oz
Date Caught: 04/28/18
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: Chris McGinley
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 26.4 lbs
Date Caught: 05/12/18
Lure/Bait: Sardine
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Virgil Cooper
Fish: Greater Amberjack
Weight: 40”
Date Caught: 05/06/18
Lure/Bait: Live Bait
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Allen Turner
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 3.05 lbs
Date Caught: 04/30/18
Lure/Bait: Chatter Bait
Location: Spotty Bottom

Angler: David Patterson
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 2.58 lbs
Date Caught: 05/06/18
Lure/Bait: Spoon
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Hal Wilson
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 6.03lbs
Date Caught: 04/26/18
Lure/Bait: Live Target
Location: Keaton Beach

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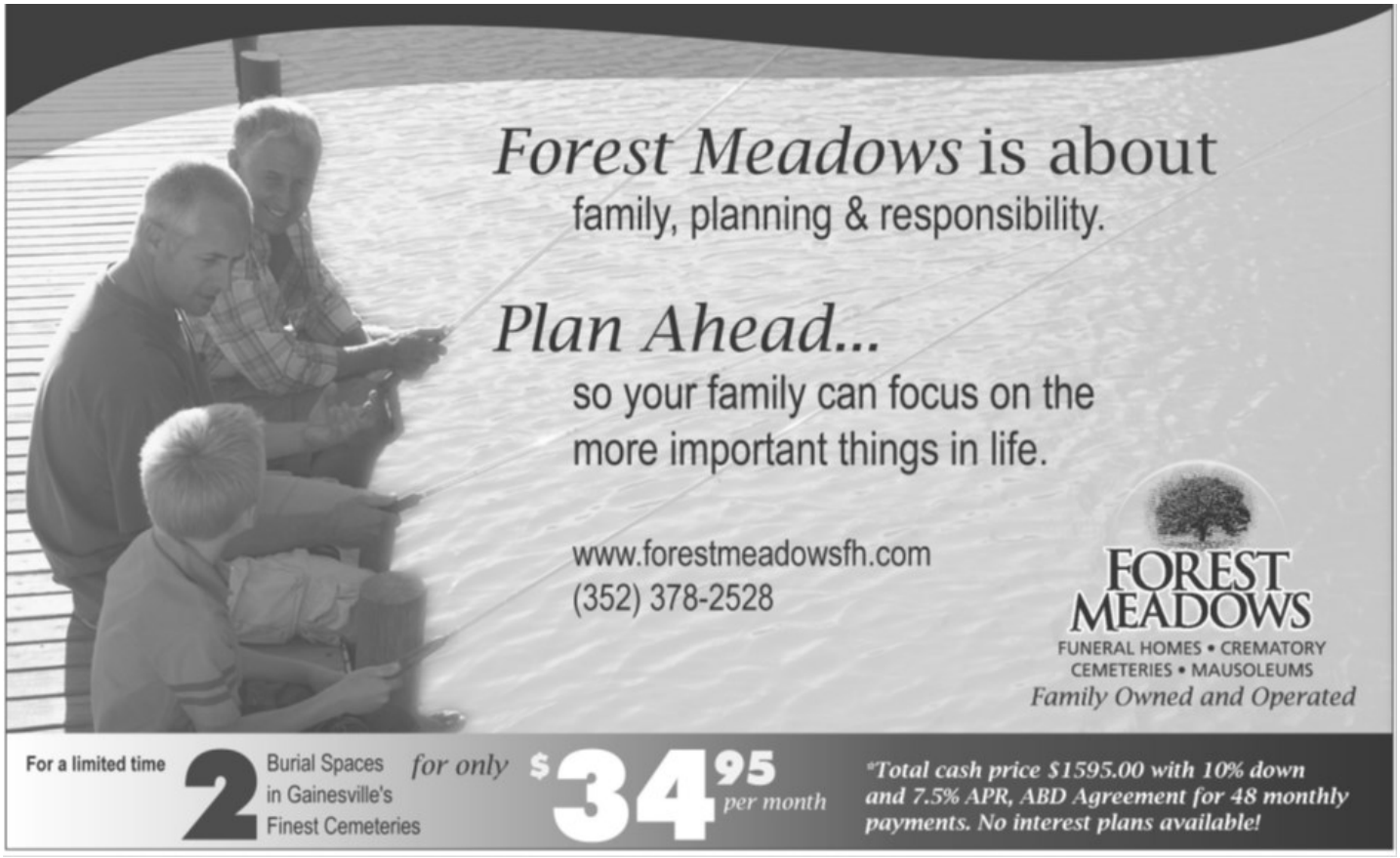
Beautiful Day for Fishing

Travis Cramer

On Friday May 18, I called Virgil Cooper to see if he was going to go fishing on the following day. We were worried about the weather seeing how it had rained for a week straight and looked as if it could rain on Saturday. We finally decided that it might be our only chance to make it out and try to fish.

Early Saturday morning we headed out to Cedar Key. We started by going to Seahorse Reef and trolling for kings and Spanish, after about an hour or so we had managed to catch four nice Spanish Mackerels, biggest one weighing 4.89lbs. We then decided it was time to catch some baitfish. After we put close to 50 decent Pinfish in the live well, Virgil and I went to our Not So Super Secret Spot. We anchored up and spent the rest of the day chumming and fishing. I was catching grouper left and right, everything from little 12” Gags to just legal Gags. (Continued on Page 6)



http://forestmeadowsfh.com/

At first we had out some Kingfish rigs hoping for a nice king, at the end of the day we only got one little king. After about an hour, we decided to free line some bait and put some under balloons, then it happened….Virgil hooked into a monster cobia he fought it for a little while as I was getting the gaffs ready and in position. We got the fish onboard and we, amazed by the size of it, the fish weighed 46.32lbs, Virgil had now gotten his Ten Species! Now for my turn, or so I thought. I went almost all day with catching a single cobia. Virgil managed to put a 34" cobia on board a few minutes later, and I was just sitting there like, well, it is just not my day to catch one.

We started heading back in when we decided to make one more stop. I threw out a 7" Zman Pearl White split tail plastic and started jigging when all of a sudden it got slammed by a Cobia. I fought it for a good little while, Virgil gaffed it and we put it on ice. My cobia ended up weighing just shy of 30lbs at 29.98lbs. Virgil and I took a chance to go out and fish and it had paid off for the both of us, we both completed the Ten Species Challenge in the club and we both ended up with some nice cobia.

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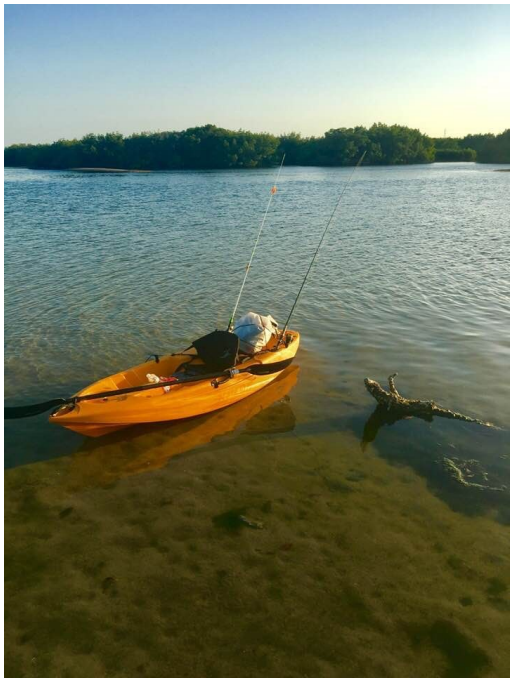
New Photo Submissions:

Rare Find?

David Patterson



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Dale Reed

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New Photo Submissions Continued:

Ideal Tournament Size Red, Yet, No Tournament…

Marcia Ellett

3 Tails Are Better Than 1

Dale Reed

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<u>Reminder</u>: CCA STAR 2018 starts Saturday May 26th and goes until September 3rd!

<u>From the CCA (https://log.ccaflstar.com/)</u>

"How could CCA Florida STAR "Top That" for the 2018 competition? **By offering over $500,000 in prizes** and scholarships with a new offshore and inshore division and eight tagged redfish prizes of either a new GMC Truck or boat, motor and trailer package. But that's not all to make it even more exciting, adult winners in the tagged redfish division get to choose what they win from the list of prizes available at the time of their win. That is correct, once again, the first tagged redfish winner can choose from the **GMC Sierra Pickup or one of these Yamaha powered boat packages; Contender 22 Sport, Pathfinder 2200TRS, Hewes Redfisher or the Carolina Skiff 21 Ultra.** The next winning anglers will get to pick from the remaining prizes. Youth anglers again will be eligible to participate in the tagged redfish division with the first two winners taking home a Carolina Skiff 16 JVX CC powered by a 40hp Yamaha sitting on a Road King trailer.

In STAR's signature division, CCA Florida officials with the support of Duke Energy and FWC will be releasing on average of 4 tagged redfish per coastal county throughout Florida's coastal waters and bays, from Pensacola to the Everglades National Park and along the east coast from the Georgia border to Homestead and the Keys with Citrus and Brevard counties being a STAR destination with more tagged redfish than any other counties.

The competition will feature new Open Divisions of Non-tagged redfish and Grouper as well as additional Open, Ladies, Fly, Kayak, Lionfish and Professional Guides division.

Eligible species are Spotted Seatrout, Snook, Non-tagged redfish, Grouper, Dolphin (Mahi Mahi) & Kingfish.

The STAR Youth Scholarship Division presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors offers New Tide member's free entry into STAR and the opportunity to win one of twelve scholarships totalling $100,000.

Another fun division for STAR anglers, unique to Florida is the Conservation Division. This division is designed to reward anglers for providing catch data on all fish caught and released while fishing the tournament, no matter what species or size. In fact, all STAR entries provide a significant amount of catch data information that can be used by the conservation community to make science based decisions on habitat management, stock assessment and other relevant issues.

This **Catch & Photo competition** is designed to educate the general public about the importance of conservation of Florida's marine resources. STAR's state-of-the-art smart phone app eliminates the need for anglers to bring their entry to a weigh-in. **To enter a catch, anglers submit a photo of their fish on the official measuring device via the app right from the boat, dock, or boat ramp. It is not the biggest fish that wins as most division winners are determined by a random drawing.** This format encourages sportsmen and sportswomen of all ages to protect and conserve Florida's fishery for future generations. The kick-off for STAR is Saturday, May 26th, Memorial Day weekend, and ends Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd at sunset."

<u>For more information please visit</u>: https://log.ccaflstar.com/ or *talk to the Elletts who have won the cobia division twice!*

FWC Updates:

Nature Coast Fishing Youth Program in Cedar Key this Summer!

"The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free Nature Coast Fishing for Youth program in Cedar Key for youth between the ages of 5 and 15. Programs will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., beginning June 5 and extending through July 26, at the Senator George G. Kirkpatrick Marine Laboratory, 11350 SW 153rd Court. Advance registration is required; no walk-ins will be accepted.

All participants of the free program will learn fishing basics, the importance of habitats to fish species, proper fish handling and release techniques, and fish identification. Participants will spend time fishing on-site. An adult chaperone is required to attend the entire program with children age 8 and under. Youth and chaperones should bring their own lunch, sunscreen, hat and any personal fishing gear desired, although fishing gear will be provided for those who need it. Upon completing the program, participants will receive a rod and reel donated by Fish Florida. For details and to pre-register, contact Hannah Healey at 352-543-1079 or Hannah.Healey@MyFWC.com."

Lionfish Tournaments Removed >15,000 Lionfish!

"More than 15,000 lionfish were removed from Florida waters thanks to several tournaments held across the state focused on targeting the invasive species. Five of those fish were tagged previously by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff as part of the 2018 Lionfish Challenge, a removal incentive program that started May 19 on Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day.

The Lionfish Challenge runs through Sept. 3. More than 200 people have already registered to participate in the statewide Challenge, which rewards lionfish harvesters with prizes for their lionfish removals, tagged or not. The tagged lionfish component is new this year and includes cash prizes up to $5,000. Lionfish were tagged at 50 public artificial reefs across the state. Harvesters who caught the five tagged fish this weekend took home cash prizes up to $2,500 and non-cash prizes as well. All five tagged fish were caught off Escambia County.

Sign up and learn more today by visiting MyFWC.com/Lionfish.

Statewide Lionfish Events Removal Totals:

9,606 – Lionfish World Championship – Pensacola.

4,056 – Lionfish World Championship Pre-Tournament – Pensacola.

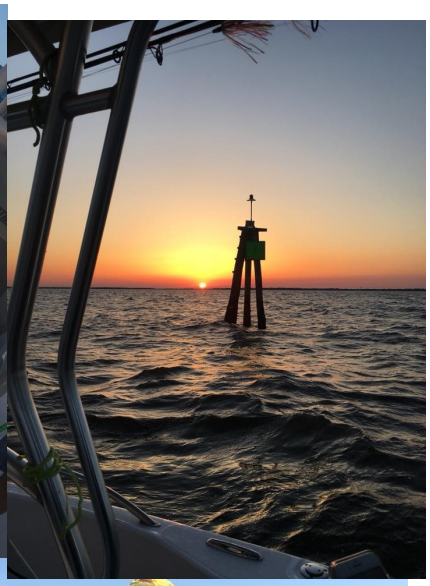
1,490 – Lion Tamer Tournament – Panama City Beach.

231 – Florida Skin Divers Association Lionfish Calcutta – St. Petersburg."

Season Openings/Closings

- **Gag Grouper**: Season starts June 1 for Gulf federal and most state waters and closes December 31st.
- **Atlantic Snook**: Season closing June 1 in Atlantic state and federal water. Season will reopen September 1
- **Amberjack**: Season closes June 1 for Gulf state and federal waters. Season will reopen August 1
- **Gray triggerfish**– Season closes June 1 for Gulf state and federal waters. Season will reopen August 1

Tournament Picture Round-Up: Cobiathon/Mac Attack



New Member Testimonial:

"I was fishing Cedar key last weekend and as it turns out the Gainesville Offshore Fishing Club was having a tournament that day. It turned out to be very fortunate they were there. As my buddy went to move his trailer to the ramp for us to leave he noticed the one of the axles came loose and a bracket was completely bent and on the ground. This was not good ! The tires back tires were slamming into each other I was completely floored with the number of GOFC members that came by to offer help and make sure we were ok. The President of the club Dale Reed came by to offer assistance and the guy had a fishing hook lodged in his finger since that morning ! Didn't matter - all of them just wanted to help. A couple of members helped us rig it to where we could move the trailer out of the way of traffic and my buddy began calling AAA and the marina. Before he could get very far Bill Gair with GOFC had someone in his group that said " heck I can fix that and have you boys out of here in no time " the guy literally went to the marina with my buddy , got the parts , borrowed some tools and did exactly that. We were truly grateful - they saved us hours of waiting and hundreds of dollars. The collective amount of know how was an amazing resource and the camaraderie between them all made me realize I needed to join asap. So now I'm a proud new member and look forward to the next angling adventure!"

Rob Deese

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Featured Seafood Recipes:

Potato-Crusted Cobia with Garlic White-Wine Sauce
From Easy Food Recipes and Cooking

Ingredients

For the Sauce:
- 1/2 C White Wine
- Juice of 2 oranges
- Juice of 1 lime
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 cloves garlic (pressed)
- 1 shallot (chopped)
- 1 lb cubed cold butter
- Fresh tarragon (chopped)
- Salt
- Pepper

For the Fish:
- 4 6-8 oz cobia filets
- 1 bag shredded potatoes
- 2 T Whole Grain Mustard

Directions

For the Sauce:
1. Combine lemon, lime, and orange juice with wine, shallots, and garlic in a saucepan
2. Heat sauce mixture on high heat and allow to reduce by one-quarter
3. Remove the saucepan from heat
4. Whisk in the cold butter
5. Mix until creamy
6. Add tarragon, and salt and pepper to taste
7. Remove from heat, whisk in cold butter.

For the Fish:
1. Season the cobia with salt and pepper
2. Place fillets on a greased baking sheet and brush with mustard
3. Top each filet with shredded potatoes
4. Salt and pepper the potatoes and spray with oil
5. Bake at 400°F until golden brown
6. Place fish on a warm plate and spoon over sauce and enjoy!

http://easyfoodrecipesandcooking.blogspot.com/2013/08/potato-crusted-cobia-with-garlic-white.html?m=1

Adobong Tanigue (Spanish Mackerel Adobo)
From Manny Montala (Panlasang Pinoy Meaty Recipes)

Ingredients
- 1 lb Spanish Mackerel Steaks
- 1 medium onion
- 3 cloves garlic (pressed)
- 1 inch ginger (chopped)
- 1/2 C soy sauce
- 1/4 C vinegar
- 1 t black pepper
- 2 pcs laurel leaves
- 1 t brown sugar
- oil

Directions:
1. Fry the Spanish mackerel steaks until golden brown
2. Set fish aside
3. Add 1 T oil, garlic, onion and ginger in a sauce pan and cook on medium-high heat
4. Cook until garlic turns a little brown and onion is already cooked
5. Add soy sauce, laurel leaves, brown sugar and pepper
6. Let it simmer for 1 to 2 minutes
7. Add the fried mackerel steaks and gently stir cook until the sauce sticks with the fish
8. Serve and enjoy!

http://www.panlasangpinoymeatrecipes.com/adobong-tanigue-spanish-mackerel-adobo.htm

Time to renew your club membership

It's now easier than ever to renew. Just go to the "Join now!" tab on the GOFC website (http://www.gofc.us/wp/join-now/), fill out the form online and pay using PayPal, only $50 gets you a full membership through 2016 if you have not joined yet or are renewing.

If you'd prefer to support the US Post Office, complete the NEW MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL form (download from the website) and mail it to the GOFC Treasurer.

Debby Knopf, Treasurer
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Please make your check payable to GOFC.

Or just bring cash, a check or a credit card to the next club meeting and pay Debby at the meeting.

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