The Acute Angler

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GOFC News

September Meeting

Capt. Paul van Reenen from Unfair Lures

September 25th 7:30pm

At the UF Vet School

Don't miss another great talk, this time with Capt. Paul Van Reenen from Unfair Lures– a company aimed at developing more realistic bait. Paul is a veteran Fly Angler with **516** species on 3 Continents. Paul has developed his skills as a distance caster, Fly-tyer and out of the box 'Fisho'. With his passion for fishing, commercial success, and international experience, this meeting will be sure to be a highlight of our year!

There are ***sure*** to be tons of giveaways and raffles… a great meeting to attend for sure!

Upcoming GOFC Events

Fall Tournament

October 27th- Cedar Key

Join us in beautiful Cedar Key for the GOFC Fall Tournament. This tournament is open for all Ellet contest species. **All participants must register in advance of the tournament by 7pm on Friday, October 26!** The tournament starts at safe-light and weigh-in will be held between 4:00pm to 5:00pm (you must be in line with your catch by 4:00pm in order to qualify) at the Cedar Key downtown park pavilion We will have a cookout after the weigh in. Food and soft drinks will be provided!

Prizes:

- Master Angler – $300
- Inshore Angler – $200
- Offshore Angler – $200

Bonus Prizes: Hats from Homerun Fishing 61 will be given to the 3 winners.

Check the GOFC website for more details on the Fall Tournament. See you there!

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.

President's Message

Dale Reed

With these warm summer water temperatures the fishing has been a little tougher. Most people are trying for shrimp and scallops. Scallop season ends September 24 and Crystal River was definitely the hotspot this year. As the temperatures get cooler the grouper bite should start to fire up. Trolling plugs will be a good way to start looking for these tasty fish. When you find some structure use a dead bait first to get the smell down and then a lively pinfish. The trout and redfish bite also will start to turn on as the trout will come in closer from there warm water locations. In Cedar Key the triple Tail action has been on fire !! October 27th we will have our fall tournament with food being cooked. The weather should be perfect and the food outstanding. As always, keep an eye out for those pop-up thunderstorms. Lastly, Paul Van Reenen from Unfair lures will be our featured speaker on September 25. Paul is very knowledgeable about there wide variety of baits, line and gear!!

Fish Caught Since the Last Newsletter (not in tournaments)

Angler: Glen Maynard
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 2.23 lbs
Date Caught: 08/05/18
Lure/Bait: Cut Bait
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Tim Pedersen
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 3.15 lbs
Date Caught: 08/20/18
Lure/Bait: Live bait
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Ryan Kremser
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 1lb 11 oz
Date Caught: 09/01/18
Lure/Bait: Clark Spoon
Location: Suwannee

Angler: John Byatt
Fish: Cobia
Weight: 19 lbs 8 oz
Date Caught: 08/19/18
Lure/Bait: Free-lined Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Tim Pedersen
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3.38 lbs
Date Caught: 08/20/18
Lure/Bait: Lure
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: John Patrick
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3 lbs 14 oz
Date Caught: 09/14/18
Lure/Bait: Spoon
Location: Seahorse Reef

Angler: John Byatt
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 2 lbs 5 oz
Date Caught: 08/19/18
Lure/Bait: Jig with plastic tail
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Marcia Ellett
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 4 lbs 6 oz
Date Caught: 09/03/18
Lure/Bait: Live shrimp
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Phil Horn
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 3 lbs 15 oz
Date Caught: 099/14/18
Lure/Bait: Spoon
Location: Seahorse Reef

http://www.millersboating.com/

Like the Phoenix Rose from the Ashes…

By David Patterson

Can old lures, too?

I was recently gifted a box of old, worn-out, stained, battle-torn rusty lures. First glance I figured it was junk, but then I recognized popular lures, the battle scars telling a story of past prizes hitting boat decks and dining room tables. *Huh, these obviously worked before, can I actually make these catch fish again?*

Untangled and dehooked, my new-used toys started to show potential.

Step one was to untangle the mess and remove the beyond-salvageable hardware. Couple hours later – and miraculously avoiding tetanus – I had a couple dozen lures ranging in make, size, weight, and dive depth. One or two looked pretty good; the rest, well, needed a hug.

What to do, what to do…, oh, I know! I'll get an airbrush kit and become a garage-shop lure painting genius! Insert my wife's justifiably rolling eyes here.

Time to remove the old coating. Well, turns out lures aren't designed so the coating can be easily removed! I know, shocking. Internet wizardry suggested some low-impact options like vinegar and rubbing alcohol, but neither did the job. I went for broke and tried paint remover knowing full well that these were likely made of acrylic resin. Well, it certainly removed paint, but one lure began to soften and become sticky. *Uh oh, stop stop stop, get to the sink and neutralize!*

Turns out there is no easy way around wet sanding and elbow grease, at least that I found. But this took time, and the logical part of my brain kicked in. *Time spent, airbrush investment, paint, supplies, several re-dos…, I'm going to have $500+ into each lure. Huh.* I started contemplating alternatives, searched the almighty internet, and found a wrap-option.

Two Rapala CD-14 Magnums, one wrapped and the other partially sanded, but smooth.

At face-value, it seemed like a neat option to give re-birth to dying lures. At $3 each, figured I'd wasted more money on less – again, insert my wife's comically rolling eyes – so I gave it a go. I was pleasantly surprised!

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An easy process of cutting to length, opening hardware holes, and light boiling yielded a revived lure. Can't say I did a perfect job, but maybe a perfectly imperfect job. The wrap took without leaving creases. Feels more durable than I thought when ordering, like a thin plastic coating. The sides give more flash than anticipated, and I'll be darned if they don't look just like baitfish. I undoubtedly have some room to learn about getting the wrap around the nose/dive lip better, but all in all, I thought ***that dog'll hunt righ' there!*** Wind and rain has kept me from fishing lately, but I'm excited to try these out, see how well they hold up against toothy critters.

Top to bottom: Rebel Jawbreaker in mackerel foil, Rapala CD-14 Mag in sardine foil, Unknown vintage Bomber in brown (speck-ish?) trout.

Pre-field trial, I'd say yeah, an old lure *can* rise from the ashes. Some light sanding and a new dress…, look like they're ready to work all over again. If you're interested in the product, look up Jigskinz, or feel free to ask me for more information. 'Til later, tight lines and happy hunting!

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FWC Updates:

From: http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/september/13/kfc-ocala/

Kid's Fishing Derby

"It's time for the annual Lake Eaton Kids' Fishing Derby at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Ocala Conservation Center and Youth Camp. The derby, for children ages 6-12, will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. Advance registration is required, and space is limited to the first 100 children. To sign up, call the FWC's Northeast Regional Office in Ocala at 352-732-1225 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Ocala Conservation Center is 8.5 miles north of State Road 40 off County Road 314 in the Ocala National Forest.

Everything needed to participate, including cane poles, bait and instruction, will be provided by the FWC. The kids will fish from a pier. For safety reasons and to avoid tangled lines, do not bring your own rod and reel to this event. In addition to fishing, there will be a casting contest, an arts and crafts activity and an all-time favorite called "Bugs and Critters." In this activity, the participants get to wade into the lake with dip nets and scoop up fish, bugs and other aquatic critters. An FWC biologist uses the experience to teach about the aquatic ecosystem. The kids will get wet, so they should bring a change of clothes and proper footwear."

Supporting Snook and Redfish populations after red tide

Snook– Coastal Conservation Association Florida, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Mote Manne Laboratory

"Coastal Conservation Association Florida (CCA Florida) is partnering with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Mote Marine Laboratory (Mote) to address the loss to the snook population on the southwest coast as a result of the red tide event. The two-year initiative includes raising and releasing 10,000 hatchery-reared juvenile snook along Florida's southwest coast and will launch in April 2019 following the Florida red tide bloom and when waters are determined to be safe. Fundraising for the program, a cost of over $440,000, will include outreach to the community through an Adopt-A-Snook program and the formation of additional private-nonprofit partnerships.

… With support and partnership from CCA Florida and FWC, Mote will locate and restock juvenile snook to specific, tidal-creek "nurseries" that would usually be supplied by spawning aggregations hit hard by the bloom. Each of the hatchery-reared snook will be tagged with passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags to allow Mote scientists to monitor and track the progress of the juveniles throughout the study, which includes monthly stocking efforts designed to elevate the system towards its carrying capacity. Decades of intensive snook aquaculture and sustainable stock enhancement research provides the ability for the State of Florida to rapidly respond through this partnership effort to a significant impact from red tide. Mote's experimental work has shown that the abundance of juvenile snook can nearly double in underutilized nursery habitats through stocking 10-month-old juveniles. In addition, ongoing Mote studies in Sarasota County suggest that tagged, juvenile snook find some degree of refuge from red tide in tidal creek and riverine environments with fresher water less conducive to the red tide alga, Karenia brevis.

… In addition to the stocking enhancement initiative, the organizations are encouraging anglers to help the snook and other inshore populations by releasing their catch. This summer, CCA Florida launched the "Release Them For Tomorrow" campaign as a way to support several species' growth through catch and release, including snook. "It is going to take everyone doing their part to get our fisheries back to health," stated Gorski. Anglers are encouraged to share the message by tagging their social media photos, comments and messages with #ReleaseThemForTomorrow to show their support. Anglers can become engaged by joining CCA Florida at JoinCCA.org."

From: http://myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/september/10/snook-stock-initiative/

Redfish– Coastal Conservation Association Florida, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Duke Energy

"Coastal Conservation Association Florida (CCA Florida), Duke Energy, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) have historically partnered on initiatives to enhance Florida's fisheries, and the organizations are again joining forces to address the loss to the redfish population on the southwest coast as a result of red tide. The nonprofit CCA Florida, Duke Energy and FWC will be releasing over 10,000 Duke Energy hatchery-reared redfish following the Florida red tide bloom and when waters are determined to be safe, thanks to a donation from the Duke Energy Mariculture Center. … The initiative will take place when the waters are determined to be clear of red tide and will include the release of 200 tagged adult (25"-30") redfish and 10,000 juvenile (4"-6") redfish into the waters of Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties. … In addition to the stocking enhancement initiative, CCA Florida and FWC are encouraging anglers to help all inshore populations by releasing their catch. This summer, CCA Florida launched the "Release Them For Tomorrow" campaign as a way to support several species' growth through catch and release. "It's going to take everyone doing their part to get our fisheries back to health," stated Gorski. Anglers are encouraged to share the message by tagging their social media photos, comments and messages with the hashtag #ReleaseThemForTomorrow to show their support. Anglers can become engaged by joining CCA Florida at JoinCCA.org."

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Fall Social Photo Round-Up:

What a fantastic turnout and enjoyable evening it was at Wahoo seafood Grill. Our members only social was very informative and just a fun time to talk about fishing and stories. Thank you for everyone that showed up to make this a special event!

New GOFC Photo Submissions:

So close…

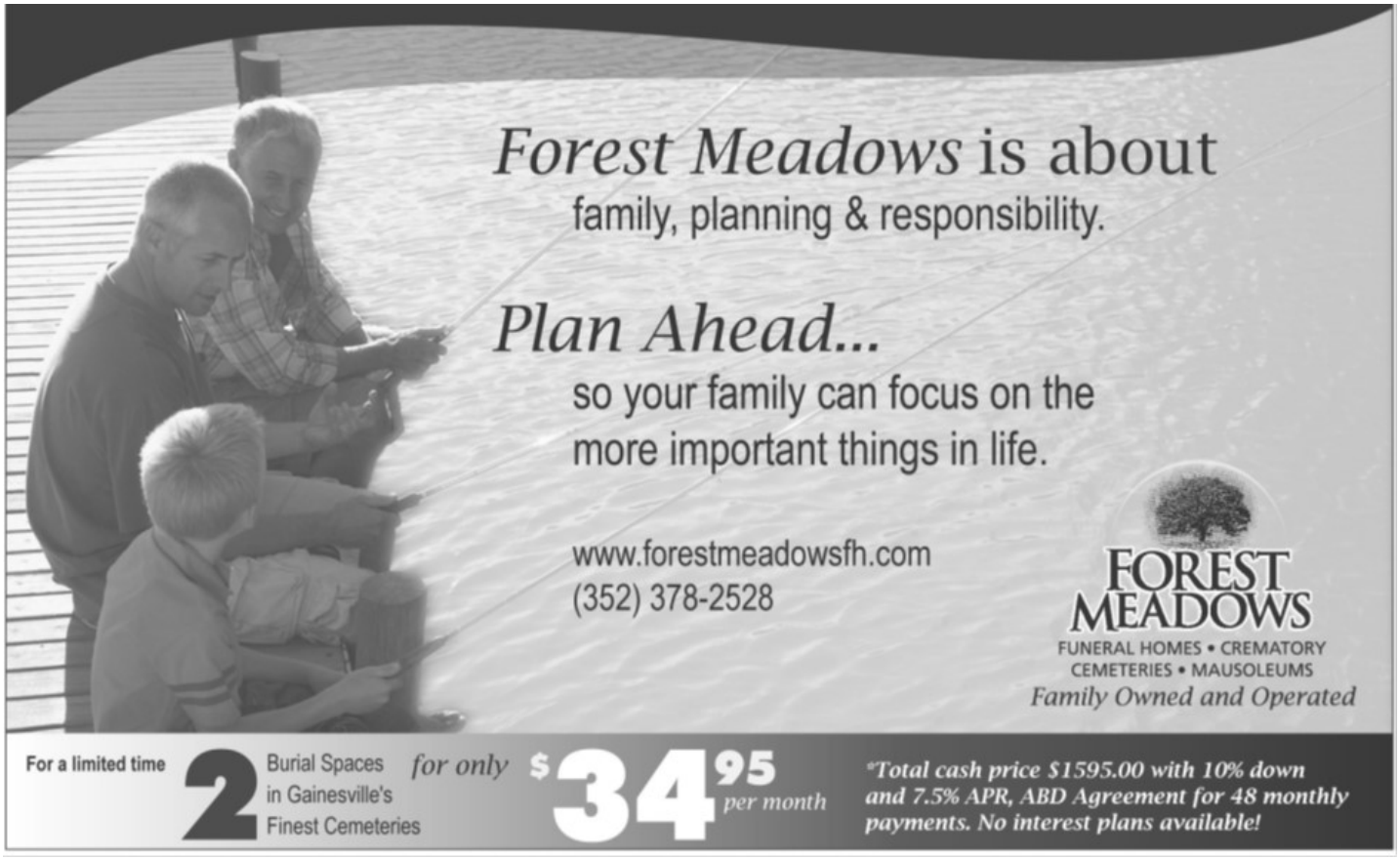
From Ed Ellett

Poling the Flats

From Ed Ellett

Salt River Snookin'

From Michael Rosato



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Featured Seafood Recipes:

Mahi Mahi with Cilantro-Lime Butter
From Paleo Leap

Ingredients
- 4 Mahi Mahi fillets
- 1T chili powder
- 1/2 T paprika
- 1/2 t oregano
- 1/2 t onion powder
- 1/2 t garlic powder
- 2 T olive oil
- Cooking oil of choice
- Lime wedges
- Fresh cilantro

For Cilantro-Lime Butter
- 1/4 C melted ghee
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- Juice from1 lime
- 2 T fresh cilantro (minced)

Directions:
1. Whisk together ingredients for the butter
2. Combine chili powder, paprika, oregano, onion powder, and garlic powder
3. Brush mahi mahi fillets with olive oil and season with the chili powder mixture
4. Heat cooking oil in skillet over medium-high heat
5. Sear fillets 4-5 minutes on each side
6. Pour the cilantro-lime butter over fillets
7. Serve fish with fresh lime wedges and garnish with cilantro to taste

https://paleoleap.com/mahi-mahi-with-cilantro-lime-butter/

Easy Hoisin Shrimp
From Gimme Some Oven

Ingredients
- 1/4 C hoisin sauce
- 1 T rice wine vinegar
- 2 t soy sauce
- 1 lb shrimp (peeled and deveined)
- Salt
- Peper
- 1 T olive oil
- Toasted sesame seeds
- Thinly sliced green onions
- Cooked short grain rice

Directions:
1. Combine hoisin sauce, rice wine vinegar, and soy sauce in a bowl and set aside
2. Pat dry shrimp with paper towel
3. Season shrimp with salt and pepper
4. Heat oil in a large saute pan over medium-high heat
5. Add shrimp and sate for 2-3 minutes per side
6. Add hoisin sauce mixture to the pan and saute 1-2 minutes
7. Remove from heat
8. Serve over rice with toasted sesame seeds and green onions

https://www.gimmesomeoven.com/easy-hoisin-shrimp-recipe/

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.

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