

THE SINGING REEL

Brazil
Eduardo Crespo
Hermitage Country Club
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 5-9pm



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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2023
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Letter from the President

We held our May dinner meeting at Hermitage Country Club where Dennis Stanley introduced fishing at El Pescador, Ambergris Cay Belize. Colby Trow conducted a fly-tying session demonstrating a frog pattern appropriate for bass season. Thank you, Dennis and Colby.

After reviewing several key insights from our member survey, board member Millie Neagle introduced a volunteer initiative with the James River Association. Millie discussed the "River Rat" program and several members signed up to participate. Initial response to the volunteer opportunities was positive and we look forward to membership participation.

Having more club sponsored fishing outings was also identified as a request by membership from our survey. I would like to thank Tim Jackson and Matt Enderle for stepping up and offering to lead fishing outings this summer. Dick Chapman, Robert Thomas and I are available to answer any question or discuss ideas on leading a trip.

Discussions have begun on restarting a women's focused fishing activities program. Ladies look for a survey that will be coming to you asking for your feedback on activities that you would like to see the club offer.

Our next dinner meeting will be July 19th (Wednesday) at Hermitage Country Club. Our format will change slightly as we look to offer more menu options with an agenda that will keep the overall program shorter in duration.

I look forward to seeing you all at our July dinner meeting.

Best Regards,

Tony Scrimizzi

FFV President, 2023-2024



THE FLY FISHERS OF VIRGINIA IS DEDICATED TO THE
PROMOTION OF FLY FISHING, SPORTSMANSHIP,
CONSERVATION, AND THE ENJOYMENT OF ANGLING.

"The Singing Reel" is produced by the Fly Fishers of Virginia for its members and friends of the organization. "The Singing Reel" welcomes articles, news items, photos, and other items that may be of interest to club members. Items may be sent by email to rtphotography@comcast.net or they may be mailed to: Editor, "The Singing Reel," P.O. Box 9311, Richmond, VA 23227.

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Special Raffle

Will be drawn at the July Meeting

**Montague Bamboo Fly Rod
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Mail Form To: FFV PO BOX 29477 Richmond, Virginia 23242

**Tickets may also be purchased via PayPal at
www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org**

Dates for 2023 Meetings

Wednesday, July 19

****Annual Banquet****

Friday, September 22

Bob Clouser will be the Speaker

Wednesday, November 15

Special Note to Friends of the FFV

Fly Fishing Enthusiast,

You have received this copy of the Singing Reel because you have expressed an interest in the Fly Fishers of Virginia. As you may know the FFV is a private club and as such has some protocols in place that we must follow.

One such is that the use of the PayPal option on the FFV website to pay for Dinner at our bi-monthly meetings is restricted to club members and members-in-waiting. We are always up for meeting fellow anglers who share our passion for “the quiet sport”. If you would like to join us at a Dinner Meeting we ask that you contact:

Robert Thomas at rtphotography@comcast.net or (804) 307-7122 so he can facilitate you being a guest.

Membership in the FFV is by invitation only and we do require that any prospective member attend a Dinner Meeting so everyone can make sure there is a good fit. The FFV only wants active, responsible members and not just someone looking to pad a resume. By Charter, the FFV is restricted to 160 regular members and at the moment the membership is full. We do however keep a waiting list--our “members-in-waiting”- that has no number restriction. Being a MIW does come with a number of perks and does not include any financial obligations.

For more information please contact Robert.

HIGH STICK



**Rusty Jeter Peacock Bass
Florida**

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WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

"The Singing Reel" is always looking for photos of members with their catch. Deliver photos to:

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Robert Thomas

Briery Creek Lake

Shellcracker ♣ Crappie



Dick Chapman

Chickahominy Lake

Largemouth Bass

Fishing with
Art Conway



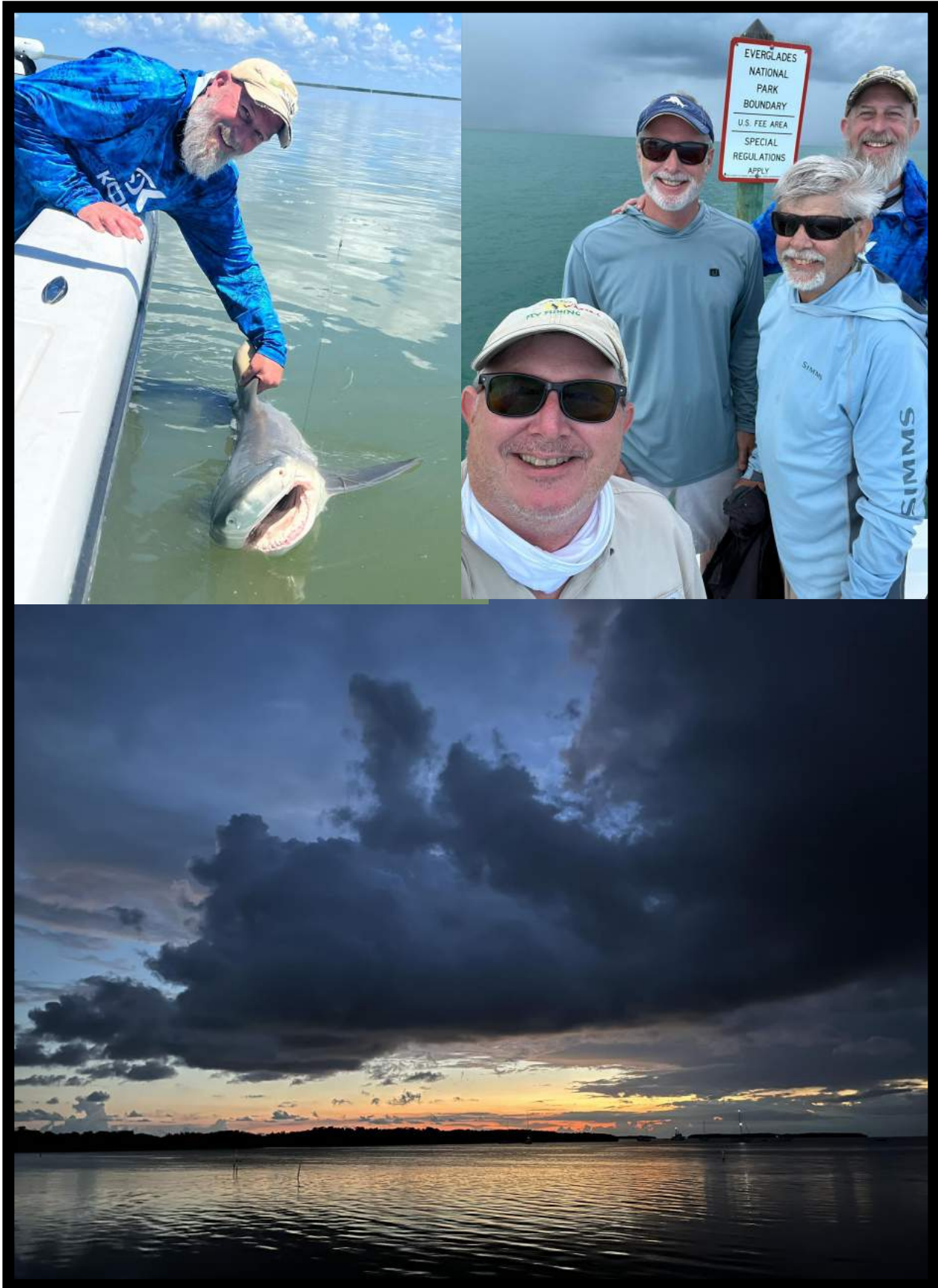
Florida Keys

**Chuck Davis ♦ Ray Ward
Rick Ridpath ♦ Kevin Whitley**

Had a great but too short 3 day trip down to the Florida Keys. It was our first time down there to fly fish. We had a charter the first day and caught a wide variety of fish. Our favorite was targeting triple tail that we can see from the surface. The last two days were DIY Fishing. We spent the second day on Long Key St Park where Ray and Kevin caught their first ever bonefish. The last day we finished at Bahia Honda state park here we caught a variety of fish on the fly, including barracuda, mutton snapper, blue striped grunt, and a hard tail jack.









James River

Fishing with Simon Valencia & Reid Parker

Current Culture Fly Shop

Gary Green • Bob Hicks • Marvin Williams

Victoria Anderson • Andrew Vaught

Alex McCrickard





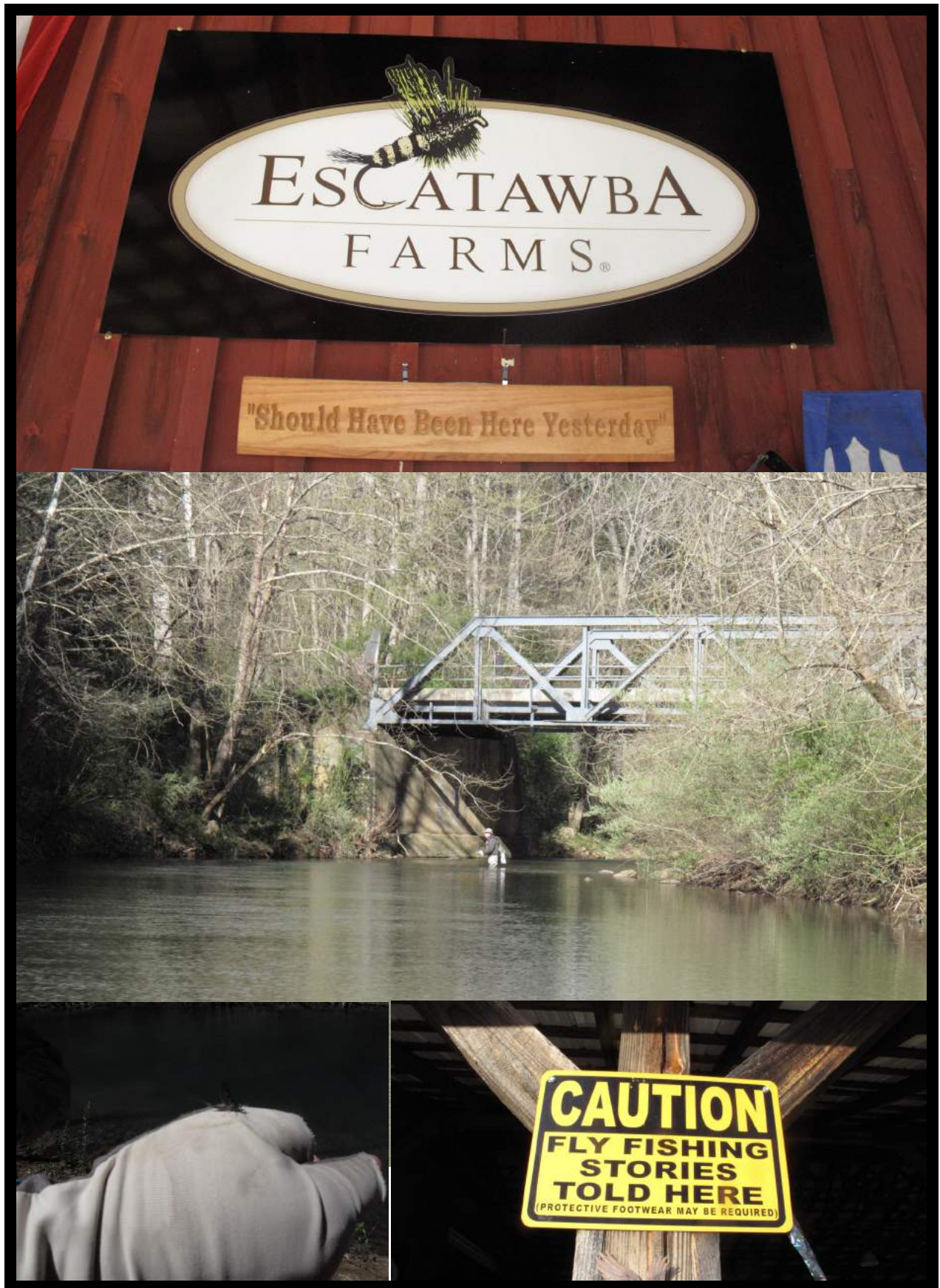




Escatawba & Jackson River

Judi Edwards ♥ Clint Edwards
Mike Snyder ♥ Pete Shinnamon
Jamie Bennett ♥ Tony Scrimizzi
Pete Barnes ♥ Robert Thomas
Fishing with Wes Hodges









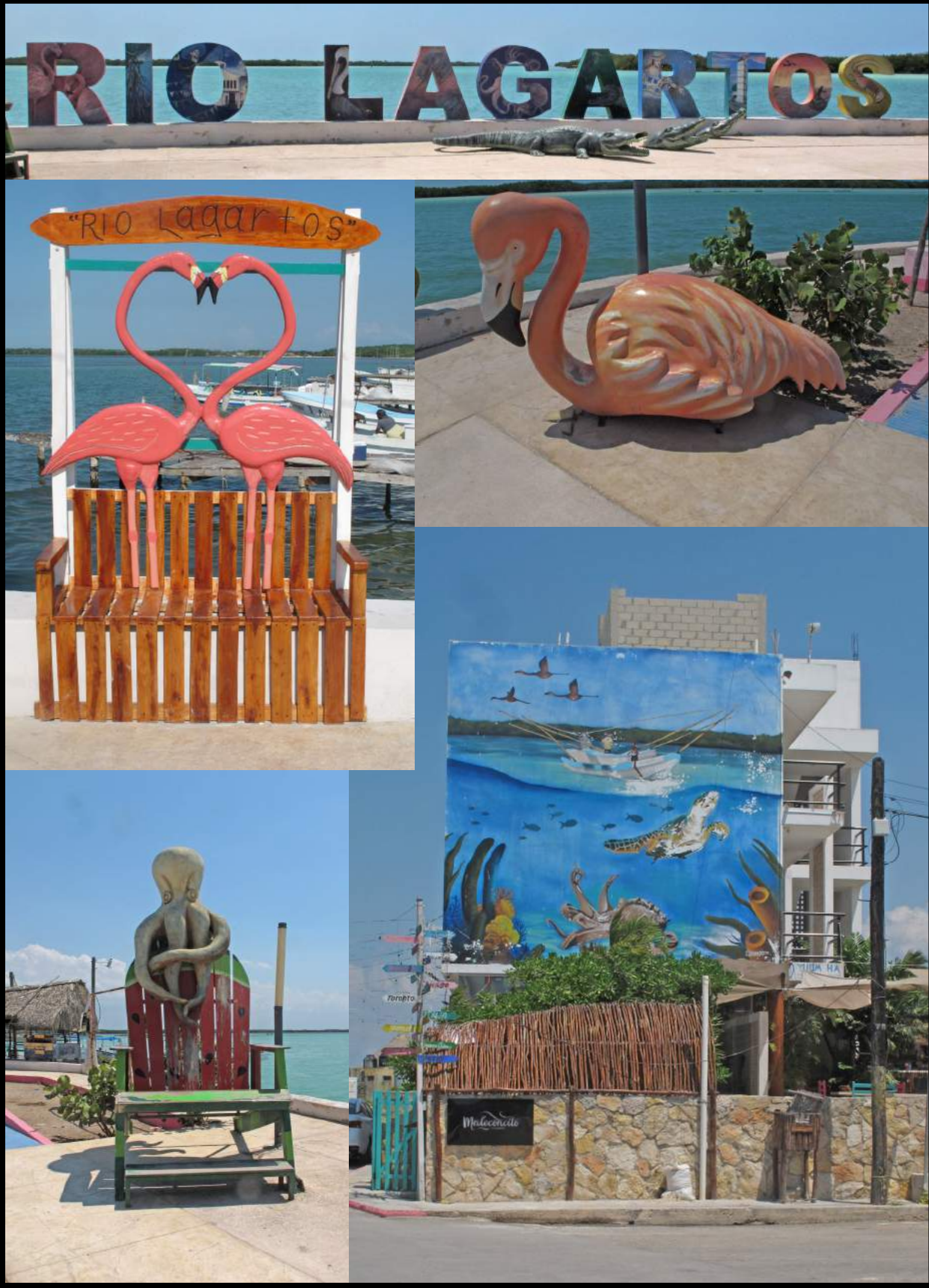
Baby Tarpon

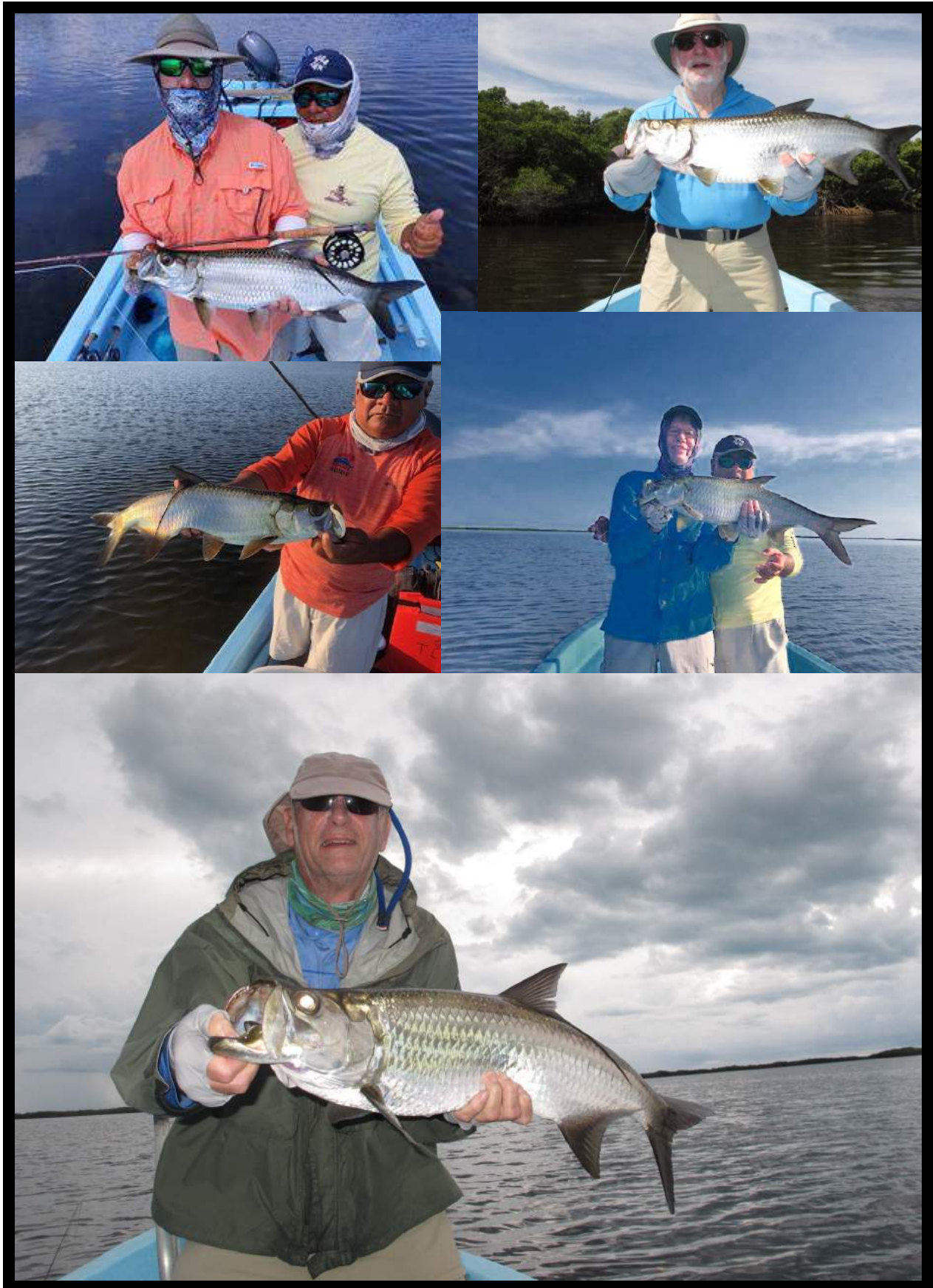
Rio Lagartos

Yucatan, Mexico

Art Girard ♠ Tony Scrimizzi
Dick Chapman ♠ Lynn Spurlin
David Piotrowski ♠ Robert Thomas











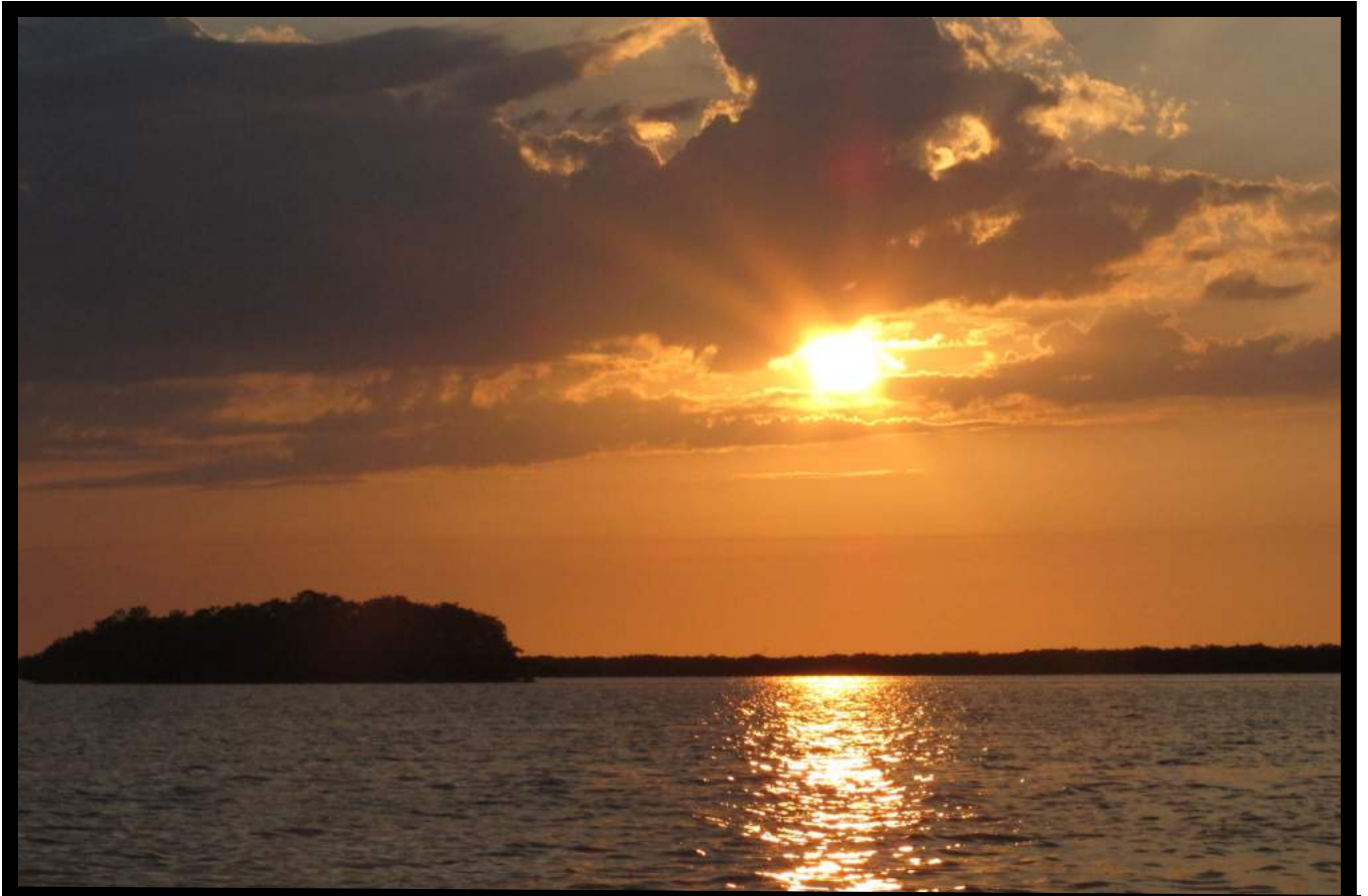












The FFV

at

Mossy Creek

Various Trips

Jenny Ballard ♥ Rick Pearman

Rian Mey ♠ Jim Minetree

Chuck Davis ♦ Kevin Whitley

Tim Wildt









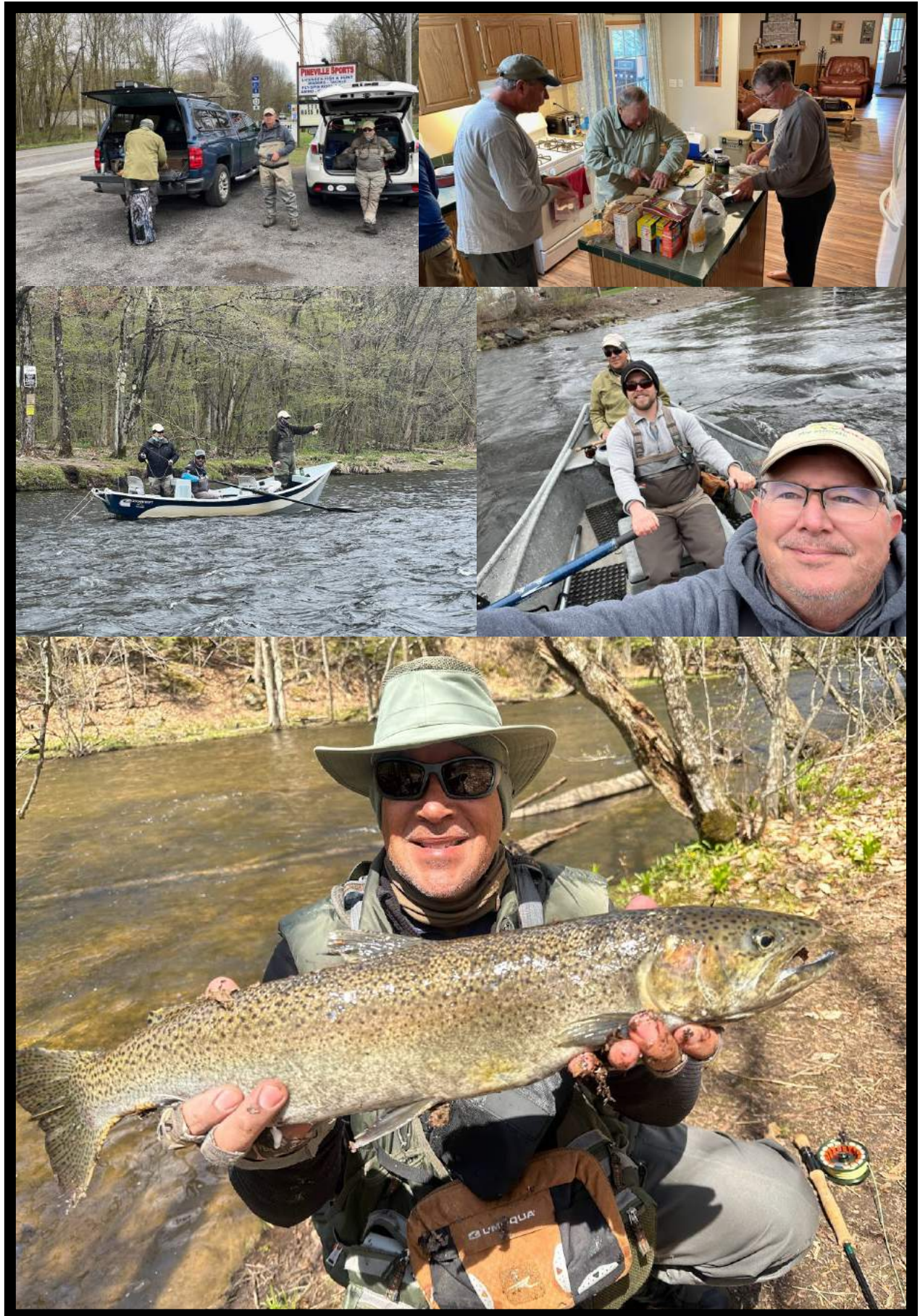




Salmon River Pulaski, NY STEELHEAD

Dan Genest ♦ Chuck Davis
Doug Walden ♠ Ray Ward
Ken Folgner ♣ Tony Escalona













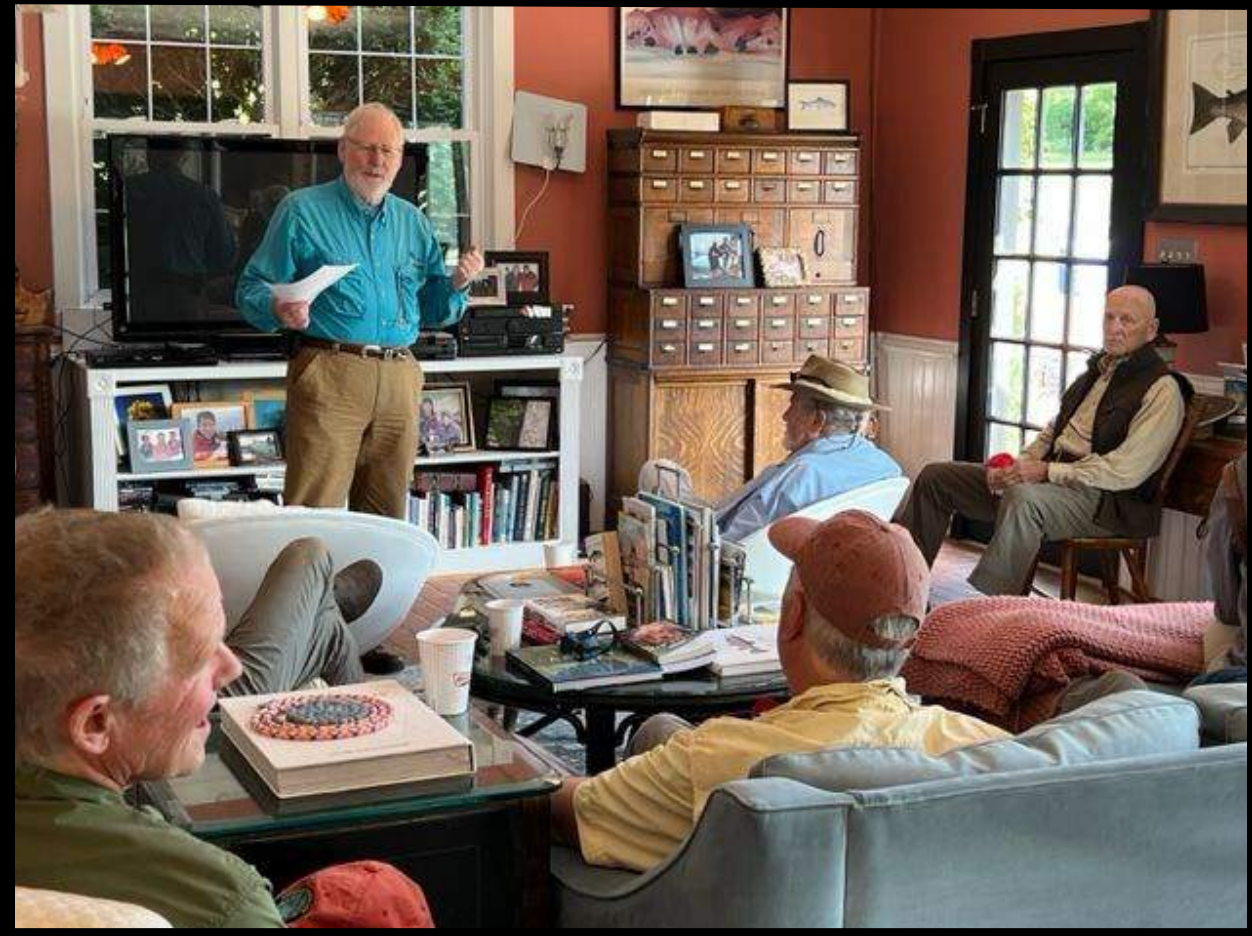




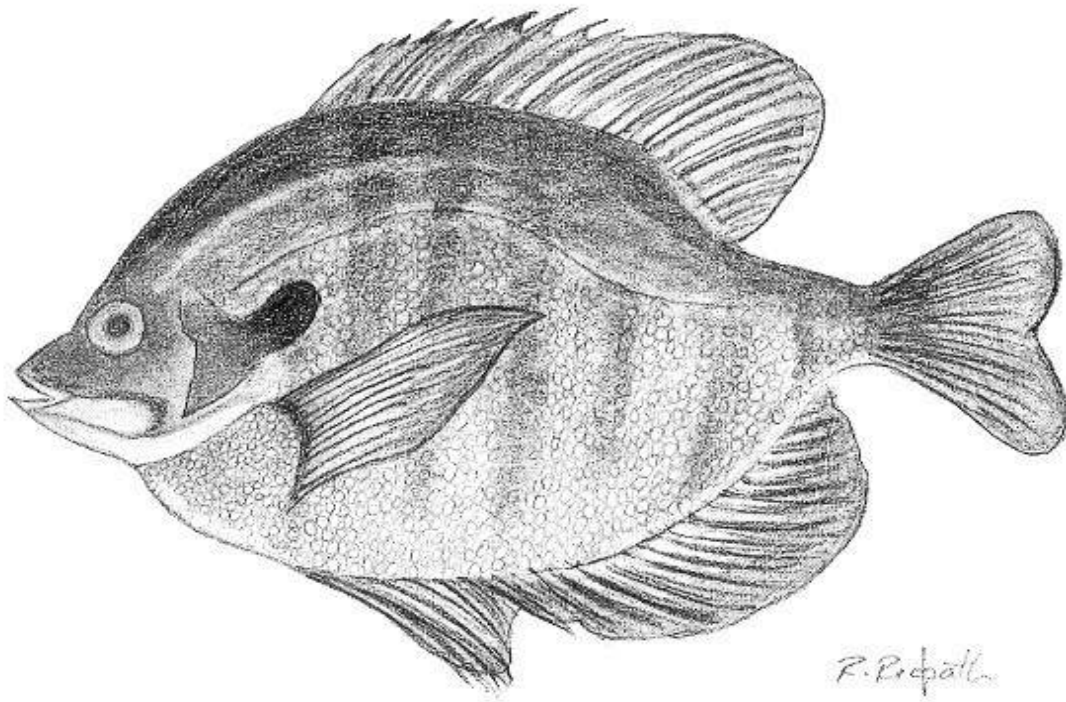




FFV Bass Class At Duck Down Inn







Rick Ridpath - Virginia Pen Studio

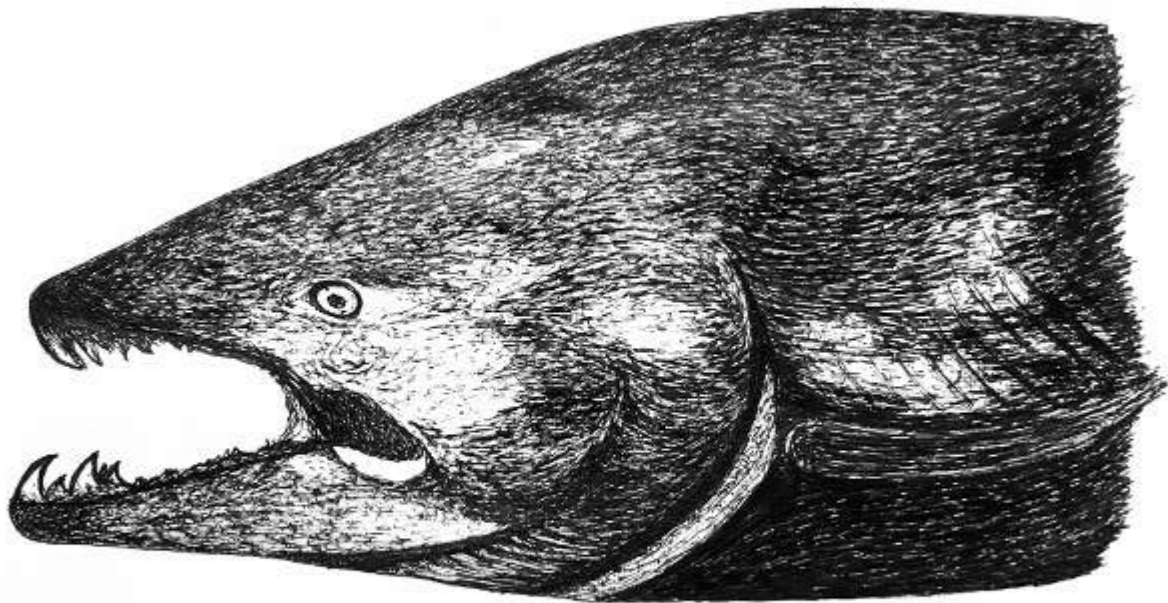
My earliest art was inspired by my grandmother; Virginia. She was a very talented painter, and whether at her house or ours, she would always take time to paint with me during visits.

My parents provided further inspiration by taking me to shores of the Chesapeake Bay every summer. Some of my happiest memories have been made along those waters. As a teen I often drew those scenes I so much felt were a part of me.

As my daughters started to become adults I picked up the pencil I had set aside years before. While I work with watercolor and pastels, it was pen and pencil that brought my art back to life and is the medium I most enjoy.

Most of my art centers around outdoor life in Virginia; and of course the Chesapeake Bay. I still draw the scenes I feel a part of, and the places that I very much love.

Rick Ridpath... Virginia Pen Studio
On Instagram at [virginiapenstudio](#)
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R. Ridpath

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If you can help out in any way please contact:

Tony Escalona

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51 ...The whole purpose of summer fishing, the Old Man said, “ is not to worry about catching fish, but to just get out of the house and set and think a little. Also, the womenfolk are bad-tempered in the summer. The less you hang around the premises the less trouble you’re apt to get in.”

Robert Ruark

The Old Man and the Boy

2023 Dinner Meeting

For this dinner meeting we are going to be trying something a little different. Instead of having a buffet style food service we are going to have several stations set up. One will be “sliders” of Crab Cakes and Cheeseburgers; one for Grilled vegetables; and a Pasta station with 3 different sauces. Coffee will be self serve. Food service will be from 5pm through 7:30pm. There will be plenty of tables and chairs setup as usual so you can sit down and enjoy your meal with your friends. The bar will also be open during the same time period. The general business meeting will start at 7:30, followed immediately by the evening presentations by Cody Murphy of Potts Creek and Eduardo Crespo of Peach Fly Fishing Adventures. The evening will conclude with the drawing for the bamboo fly rod from the Special Raffle and the drawing of tickets for the Regular Raffle. You should be headed home by 9pm or a little after.

52 Note* With this format there WILL NOT be an Afternoon Session.

Note We are planning a Picnic/Swap Meet for a Saturday in August. Details to follow when they are finalized.**

Menu for July 19, 2023

Something New!!!!
We will have individual Carving Stations offering a variety of options. There will be something for everyone

RESERVATION - JULY MEETING
Wednesday July 19, 2023

Member's Name: _____ \$ 49.00

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Total = \$ _____

Please make the following reservations for me for the Fly Fishers of Virginia May Meeting at The Hermitage Country Club. We must receive your reservation and check by **FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023** to insure that you have a reservation.

TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

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Taylor Turner - 1987, 1988
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FFV FOUNDERS

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The Fly Fishers of Virginia (FFV)

was established in 1982 to promote the art of fly rod fishing; to foster good sportsmanship; and to promote conservation of the nation's natural resources.

During the year, six dinner meetings are occasions for informational programs pertaining to the many aspects of fly fishing and conservation activities. Programs are presented by international and local experts and celebrities in the fly fishing world, as well as knowledgeable FFV members.

Fishing trips are scheduled each year for cold water, warm water, and saltwater species.

Educational programs for members and the public, as well as seminars and workshops are scheduled periodically.

Fly tying classes are offered each winter: Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced, depending on demand. Casting clinics are also available.

The club gives financial support to several conservation and fly fishing related organizations, including: James River Association; Wildlife Foundation of Virginia and special projects of the DWR; The Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Coastal Conservation Association, Project Healing Waters, Reel Recovery, Casting for Recovery, and The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock and the CHMS Fly Fishing Club.