

THE BACKCAST



THE BACKCOUNTRY FLY- FISHING ASSOCIATION OF
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April 1st Club Meeting

**6:30 at the Italian-American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne**

Our April speaker is Capt. Rick Wollum

Rick started working in the fly-fishing industry back in the mid 1980's and has been lucky enough to have some of the legends of our art form as mentors. Through their help, Rick worked in many aspects of the business from fly shop employee, to a 25 year guiding career guiding in four western states, Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. The rivers he worked on are on most people's bucket list. Rick was lucky enough to be invited to guide in the Jackson Hole One Fly for 10 years and guided in the World Fly Fishing Championships. Rick also hosted Flyfishing America on ESPN and traveled and fished in many states, and different watersheds across the country.

Rick is also very passionate about helping our watersheds to have clean, cold water and a healthy environment to flow through! He sits on many boards including the Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group, Wild Livelihoods and most recently The Salmonfly Project.

Rick will be giving a presentation on fishing in the Greater Yellowstone Region/Yellowstone Park. His home waters include the Yellowstone River, Paradise Valley Spring Creeks & Yellowstone National Park.



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March Auction Update

Our March Auction held at the Kempfer ranch had a great turnout of club members and their guests. Club members really stepped up to the plate and donated some quality items. There are too many people to thank here but a quick shout out to Barry Borgiet for the items he donated, Billy Kempfer for once again allowing us the use of his ranch as well as cooking up the excellent ribs and the guides who donated trips for the auction. Everyone's donations were appreciated, and the board is thankful to all of the people who volunteered in the cleanup as well. Our auction's purpose is to allow us to bring in quality speakers monthly and put on a full day presentation with a nationally known person.

Frank Catino has already secured our monthly club meeting speakers for May, June, July and August as well as a full day presentation in January 2026 with Chico Fernandez.

Fly Tying with Jeff Ward

Aprils fly is a “Hot Lips Gurgler”

Recipe:

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S #2

Thread: 210

Foam: 2mm 10mm wide

Tail: Bunny Strip

Body: Chenille



Start thread tie on chenille
Wrap thread back and attach bunny
strip



With bodkin poke hole in foam strip



Place foam over hook eye





Lay foam back and tie down
Gently pull foam off hook
eye



Wrap thread forward just shy of the hook eye
Replace foam over the eye



BFFA April 2025 Events

Monthly Dinner Meeting :

April 1st 6:30
Italian-American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne, FL

Fly Tying:

April 21st Melbourne Library 6:15 p.m.
Everyone needs to bring their own fly-tying tools. Jeff will have the materials and hooks for the fly.

Outings:

Nothing Scheduled

Board Meeting:

April 8th at 5:00 meet at Ron Winn's office
2103 Grant Place Melbourne All members are welcome to join. We typically eat at Megs first and then rejoin at Ron's office around 6:00



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