

# ***THE BACKCAST***



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BREVARD



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## **March 7th Auction**

### **At Billy Kempfer's Ranch**

**4:00-7:00**

**6254 Kempfer Road  
St. Cloud, FL**

## **March Club Auction**

Welcome to our 2026 annual BFFA-Brevard auction coming up at our March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. This year's auction continues with the same premise that was at our last auction. Just to give everyone an understanding of the purpose of our auction, this is our main fundraiser, which enables the club to bring in monthly speakers, as well as the special occasion speakers we bring in for day-long events. In the past, speakers for those day long events included Andy Mills, Chico Fernandez, Lefty Kreh, Jim Courier etc. This fundraiser is pivotal to our continued success for future speakers and the continued support of our membership at this event is vital.

The auction this year is going to be the same as last year in which each club member must pay \$100.00 at the door to attend and in return, they will get a credit of \$100.00 that **has** to be spent at the auction. The club member is also allowed to bring one guest and **both** the club member plus the guest will get dinner at no cost. The dinner will be ribs, coleslaw, baked beans and bread. Iced tea, water and soda drinks will be available. Remember, each member is also required to bring in an item for the auction. This item for auction should be either new or in a gently used condition. We will also have items for auction which have been donated by companies or other people.

The paying member's guests will also be allowed to bid on any of the auction items as well, but must pay by check or cash. Other than the previously established use of the \$100.00 credit, **checks and cash** are the only acceptable forms of payment for club members as well.

Directions to Billy Kempfer's ranch are:  
Take 192 west 13 miles past I-95 to first crossroad and turn left on Kempfer Road for 2/3 mile to the dead end and turn left again. Continue about 1/10 of a mile and then take the slight right on Kempfer Road and proceed down 8/10 of a mile. You should see the big pole barn on the right.

So what is going to be available at this year's auction? Check out just a few of the items that will be up for bids:

Renzetti Vise

½ day guided trip with Capt. Brendan McGraw

½ day guided trip with Capt. Tom DiMatteo

½ day guide trip with Capt. Don Perchalski

Flies and Box by Jeff Ward

Fly Display by Jeff Ward

40% discount coupon for Patagonia

Fishpond Travel Bag

Jeffrey Cardenas 1<sup>st</sup> edition book Sea Level

Jeffrey Cardenas 1<sup>st</sup> edition book Marquesa

A.W. Dimock 1<sup>st</sup> edition The Book of the Tarpon

Randall Kaufmann 1<sup>st</sup> edition book Bonefishing with a Fly

Trident TX 80 Reel

Art Broadie fly display

Stidham painting.

and much more.



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## Ramblings and Such

### March 7<sup>th</sup> Auction

We will be having our annual auction in March at Billy Kempfer's ranch. This is our one and only auction which raises the money we use to bring in our annual speakers, such as the upcoming program headed with Chico Fernandez. We need everyone to dig into their treasure trove of items that they no longer use and donate them to the club auction. Also, if you are planning to donate a high dollar item if you would send us an email or let us know about it well in advance of the auction that would be greatly appreciated.

As many of you know, this auction is vital to our club's ability to bring in our annual speakers as well as our monthly programs. This is your club and this event gives all of us the opportunity to help continue with keeping our club going strong. See you there.

# Fly Tying with Jeff Ward

## March's fly is a Grizzly Seadeucer

Recipe:

Hook: FTD MS100 1/0

Thread: 210 Black

Flash: Micro Holo Flash

Tail & Body: Grizzly Hackle



**Grizzly  
Seadeucer**



Lay down thread base  
Add strands of holo micro flash

**Tie on 4 grizzly hackles (2 each side) splayed**



**Tie on 2 or 3 more hackles  
Wrap thread up to hook eye**



**Palmer hackle to hook eye  
Build head, whip finish and cement**



## BFFA March 2026 Events

### **Monthly Dinner Meeting:**

**No Monthly Meeting this month due to our annual auction**

### **Fly Tying:**

**Melbourne Library—6:15 p.m.  
There will be a fly-tying class on March 16<sup>th</sup> with Jeff Ward. The classes are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.**

### **Outings:**

**Looks like April is our next outing. We will keep you posted. Hope to see you there.**

### **Board Meeting:**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. We meet at Texas Roadhouse on Eau Gallie Cswy. All members are welcome to join.**



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