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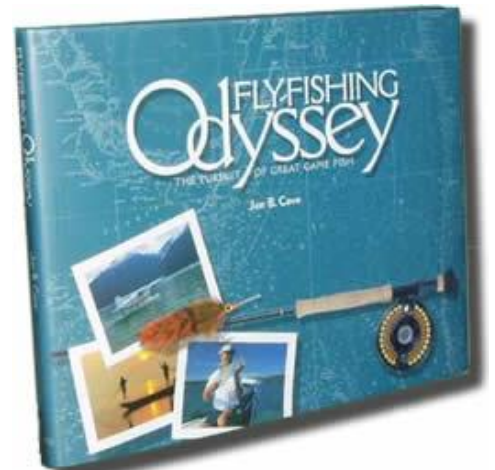
**April 2nd Meeting
Italian-American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne, Fl.**

Jon Cave is our featured speaker

Jon Cave is an author/photographer/lecturer and a USCG licensed guide. He has been a professional fly casting and fly tying instructor for over 25 years and is the founder of the longest established flyfishing school in the South. Jon has taught thousands of students and trained guides at various international locations.



Jon's credentials include an M.S. Degree in Natural Resources with special concentration in fisheries. He is a member of the Team Sage Advisory Staff, Rio Advisory Staff, Team Tibor, and Umpqua's Contract Tyer Program.



Jon B. Cave's Fly-Fishing Odyssey:
The Pursuit of Great Game Fish
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Jon also serves as a consultant for several fly-fishing related products including Heritage Kayaks. His articles, casting tips, and photographs have been featured in most major fly fishing publications. Furthermore, Jon is the author of the book *Fly-Fishing Odyssey, The Pursuit of Great Gamefish*. In 1998, the FFF (Federation of Fly Fishers) honored him with the prestigious Silver King Award for his contributions to saltwater flyfishing. He currently holds a seat on the Advisory Council for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Ramblings and Such

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I first remember running into Jon Cave at the monthly Orlando-BFFA club meetings in Sanford Florida. That Orlando club was the sister club from which our own club originated and is still in existence today. Jon was one of those early fly fishermen that were out on the St. Johns River in the 1970's searching out the shad on their annual runs. He was always willing to share his experience and knowledge with others willing to listen. Since those early days Jon has evolved from being a fisherman to becoming a published writer, fly-casting instructor and now as an artist. He was recently the featured artist at the Downtown Art Gallery in Titusville where Sandy and I had the pleasure of catching up with him. His presentation at our meeting this month will be on the St. Johns River fishing so bring your notebook because when someone has over 40 years of fishing under their belt there is going to be a wealth of information discussed.

Our recent auction in March was an outstanding success and a fun-filled evening. A special shoutout once again to Billy Kempfer and his wife for hosting the event at their ranch. Check out our Facebook page to see some pictures of the actual event. Our club members stepped up to the plate not only with their wallets but with the items they brought in for the auction. Thanks to everyone who attended or donated.

Jeff Ward's Fly of the Month—Flash Clouser

April's fly is a Flashtail Clouser

Recipe:

Hook: FTD OS700 #1

Thread: White 210

Eyes: Med Double Pupil

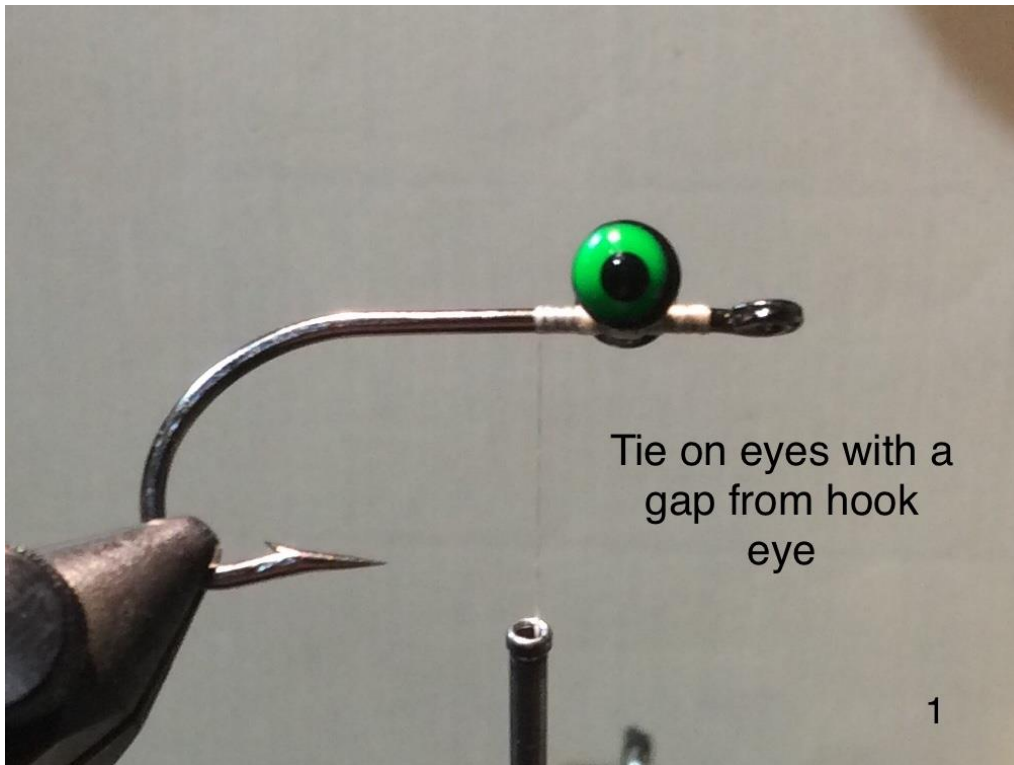
Belly: Congo Baitfish Grey

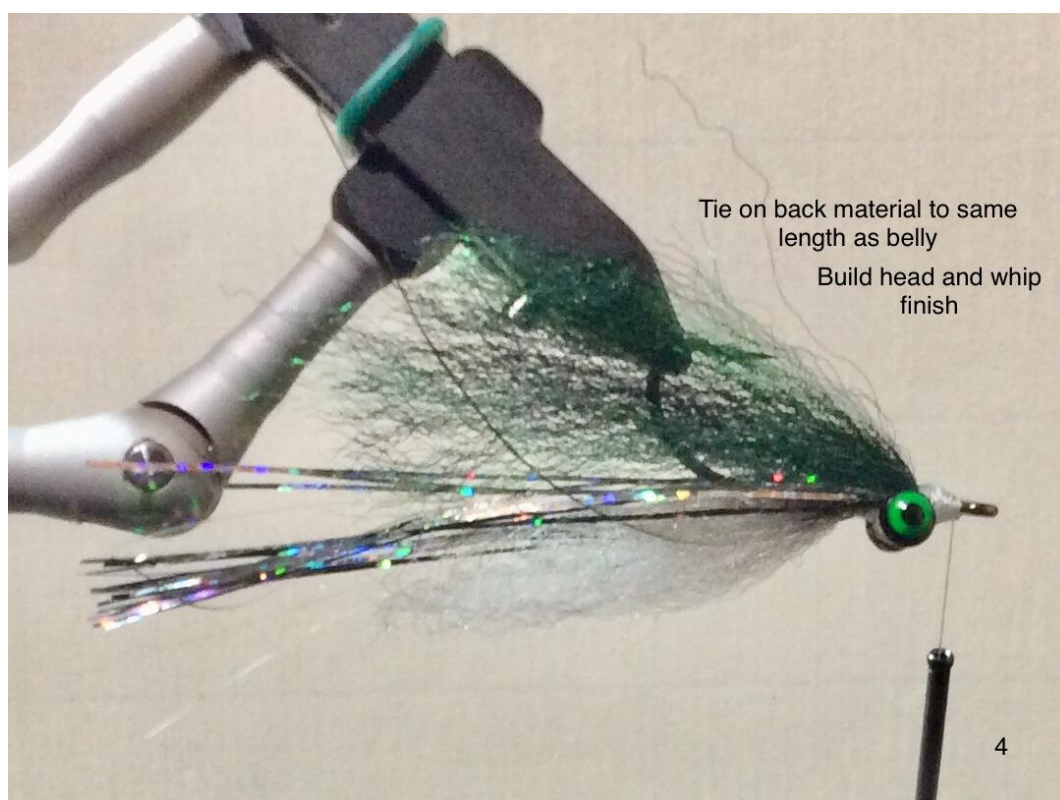
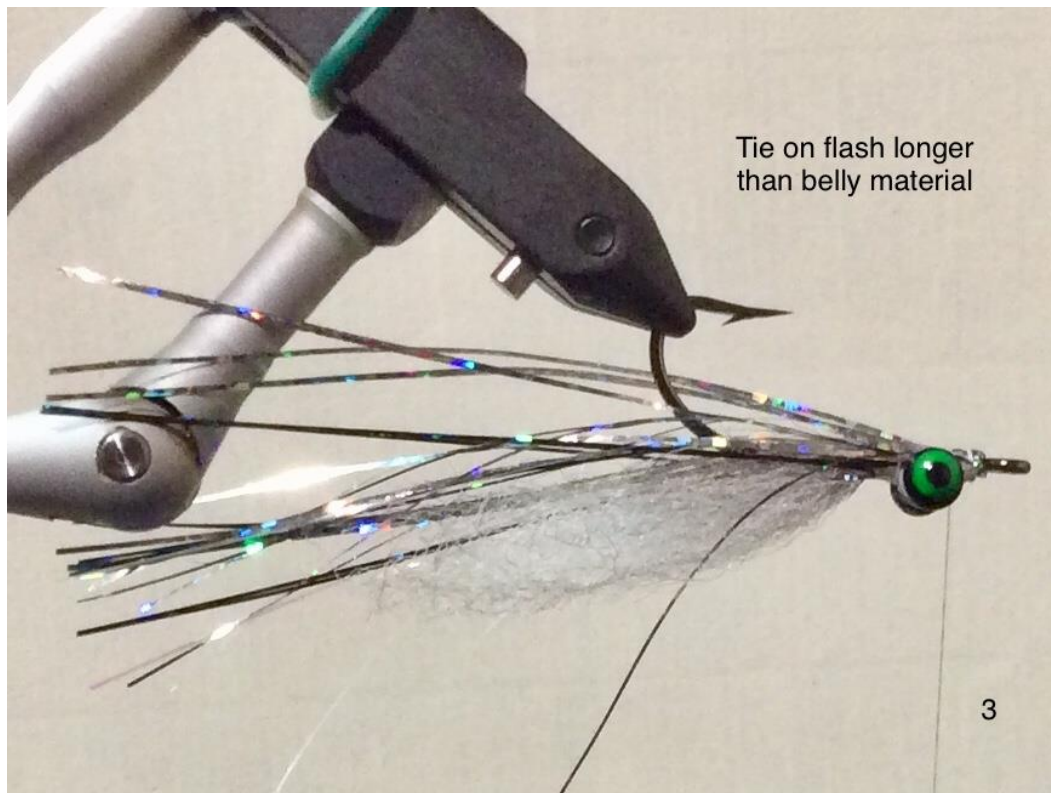
Flash: Silver Holo

Back: Congo Minnow Back Green

Flashtail Clouser Minnow







BFFA April 2024 Events

Monthly Dinner Meeting:

**This month's meeting is April 2nd
at the Italian-American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne**

Fly Tying:

Melbourne Library-April 15th

6:15 pm

Day Event:

Board Meeting:

**April 9th 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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