

October 2013

Meetings are held at Smoke'n Pit Bar-B-Que, 1641 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, located on Rte 41 (Bus) between Pine Island Rd (SR78) & the Edison Bridge. First Tuesday of every month, at 4:30



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The September meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 12 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Smith Sharpening Stone and a bottle of Smith's Honing Solution. The items were a donation by FMKC member, Ruth Caille. The winner of the stone went to Ken Rabedeau and the solution went to Vincent Panettieri. The 50/50 drawing of \$25.00 went to club president: Ken Rabedeau. Congratulations to all the winners, you too can be a winner of our monthly door prizes, 50/50 and/or raffles just simply attend one of your monthly FMKC club meetings.

This month's **BEST SPECIAL KNIFE** was for the best Abalone Folder. Russ Smegal and Jim McDonnell shared the honor with their two folders. The Best knife for October is: The best **Foreign Made Knife**. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

*Next meeting Date: October 1st - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
October's Best Special Feature Knife is : Foreign Made Knife
Bring your best to win a Prize*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOW - GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Oct 5-6	Lakeland - 16th Annual Florida Knifemakers Show - Lakeland Center
Oct 5-6	Englewood - Lee County Gun Collectors - VFW Post 10178, N. McCall Rd.
Oct 12-13	Sarasota - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Roberts Arena
Oct 12-13	Labelle - Lee County Gun Collectors - Labelle Civic Center
Oct 19-20	Tampa - Suncoast Gun Show - Florida State Fairgrounds
Oct 26-27	Port Charlotte - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Charlotte County Fairgrounds



FLORIDA KNIFEMAKERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL KNIFE SHOW

DATE: October 5th & 6th, 2013

TIME: Saturday 10 am - 6 pm, Sunday 9 am - 4 pm

LOCATION: Lakeland Center in Lakeland, Florida

ADMISSION: \$5 - one day pass



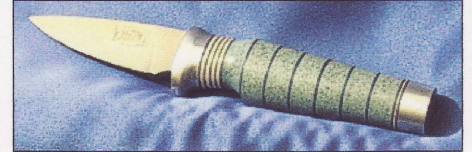
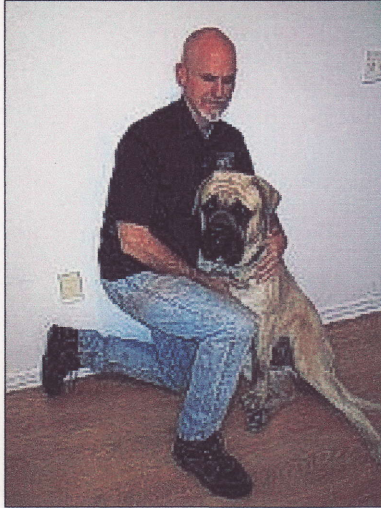
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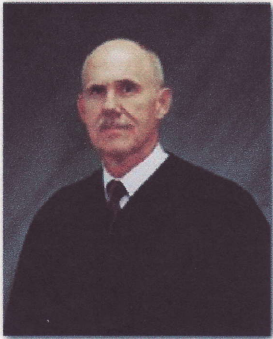
Profile of Florida Knife Maker Lowell Bray Jr.



Lowell Bray has been a knife collector for over forty years and a knife maker since 1985. He lives in New Port Richey. He is the author of over 100 articles in Blade magazine and Knife World's monthly publication. He is also a Field Editor for Blade magazine and writes the popular "Your Knife Rights" column now carried in Blade. Lowell is a member of the Florida Knifemakers' Association, The Knifemakers Guild and is a Journeyman Smith with The American Bladesmith Society.

Lowell specializes in working fixed blades both forged and stock removal. Stock removal blades are made of 440C or ATS-34 stainless steel. Forged blades are made of various high carbon steels and some Damascus of his own making. He also makes a small number of folding knives, using his own lock design. The knives pictured here are representative. He does not make standard models but prefers to make each knife unique. He will also make custom knives of the clients design.

He usually attends the Florida Knifemakers' Association Show, the Knifemakers Guild Show, the Blade Show and the Gator Cutlery Show. At other times, he tries to have at least a few knives in stock.



***Oh, I forgot to mention
when he is not making
knives he is a full-time
Circuit Judge.***

Judge W. Lowell Bray, Jr.
Circuit Court
Sixth Judicial Circuit



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