



Next Meeting: Oct. 1, 2014

Speaker

Jared Simonetti

Capt. Jared Simonetti is a Tampa bay native born and raised in Dunedin. He has extensive fishing knowledge of both the gulf and bay waters surrounding Tampa. Out of high school Jared became a fully licensed and insured charter Captain, offering inshore and near shore fishing charters and trips. Captain Jared's main targets are tarpon, snook, redfish, trout, mackerel, snapper and sharks with light tackle, fly and artificial lures.

Jared also writes for onshore-offshore magazine, and is a pro staffer many companies, including Mercury Marine, D.O.A lures, Power-pole, Okuma rods and reels, and Ohero brand fishing products. His presentation will focus on non-traditional Bay area fly-rod targets and will serve as a nice segue into the Florida Fly Fishing Expo Oct. 10-11, a Crystal River event that features quality instruction over two days.

Fly Tyer

Layne Smith

Smitty is one of the Bay area's premier fly tiers. He started tying at age 6 and got serious about it in the early 1960s. That's when he got involved in a tying clinic run by a crotchety old cuss by the name of Carl Hanson. From that time until Carl's passing, they collaborated on many variations of panfish flies as well as a number of saltwater patterns.

Since then he has created many successful patterns, including the world's best bluegill fly, the Crystal Beetle (an advanced version of the foam spider). His friends began calling him "Spiderman" because of the pattern's success. He plans to tie something freshwater related for us. Not sure what it is, but it will be good.



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OCTOBER 2014 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to October and cooler water and weather. Some big reds are in the Bay now, and we are getting lower tides in the morning, which I like for sight fishing.

Try to get out and enjoy improving conditions. I have heard good reports from Fort DeSoto and the Weedon Island flats.

We are looking for speakers for next year and have some prospects. However, we welcome your ideas and input on interesting folks to come and talk to us. Please email me (waltdurkin@aol.com) or mention it to any board member.

We also like to put your tasty recipes in the newsletter. Nick Colantonio and others have given us a couple, but please share yours, especially fish or other seafood.

Ted and I had a good trip to Juneau, Alaska where we caught several different species of salmon and trout. We will feature highlights of this DIY trip at our November meeting with both pictures and video! Finally, you tech-savvy folks please continue to add to our Facebook page. Facebook is a good way to publicize our club. Also, don't forget the Florida Fly Fishing Expo in Crystal River, Oct. 10-11. See page 9 for more info.

Our new club shirts are in and are for sale (\$30) at the next meeting. They look great and thanks to Ted for doing all the work. Hope to see you all at the October meeting, and until then, tight lines.

Walt Durkin 🦞

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CLUB EVENTS

2014 TBFFC MEETING DATES

This month's meeting is Oct. 1. The next one is Nov. 5 followed by Dec. 3.

Please watch this space for any changes.

TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers and the Sarasota Chapter of Coastal Conservation Association will hold the 10th annual "Fall Fly Fishing Challenge" on Oct. 25, 2014.

The catch-photo-and-release, fly-fishing-only event will feature an Open Division, for guides and guided anglers (all anglers are eligible to compete in the Open Division) and a Fly Angler Division (no guides).

In the Open Division, eligible species include snook, redfish and spotted seatrout. Those in the Fly Angler Division will fish for a variety of species, including snook, redfish, spotted seatrout, bluefish, ladyfish, flounder, snapper, jack crevalle, pompano and permit based on a point-per-inch system.

Entry fee is \$50 and includes an awards BBQ following the tournament at the Meadows Community Association building, 2004 Longmeadow, Sarasota, 34235.

There will be an angler meeting at 7:30 PM on Friday evening, Oct. 24 at Gecko's, 351 N. Cattleman Road, Sarasota (formerly Trader Vic's) with angler check-in beginning at 6:30 p.m. Note that this is a new location for the angler meeting, which is close to I-75 and Fruitville Road. Applications are available at area tackle shops or online at www.ccaflorida.org or www.mangrovecoastflyfishers.com. Call Brent Wilson at (941) 356-7691 for more information.

In other fishing news, it's time to get ready for the Salty Fly. It is that time of year? Indeed it is. The Salty Fly will be held again at Little Harbor Resort for 2015. The date has been confirmed for March 13-15.

Sign up will be available by Oct. 15th. As customary, those who fished last year will get first dibs.

If you are a sponsor interested in supporting Salty Fly 2015, please send inquiries to samrootpro@gmail.com

For the latest updates go like the page Salty Fly 2015 presented by [Hell's Bay Boatworks](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/saltyflytournament>

The FWC in partnership with the <http://www.theonlinefisherman.com/> will host a FREE Kids Fishing Clinic at Spa Beach in St. Petersburg, Oct. 4th. We are looking for volunteers to help teach rod rigging, knot tying, good angler and kids casting. We also need volunteers to help cut bait and fish kids from the seawall and beach. The clinic runs from 9-1 p.m., but volunteers should arrive earlier, around 7 a.m. All volunteers will get training; water will be available for all.

If interested in volunteering, contact Ellen Behoriam at 1-727-502-0001 or Rebecca Lucas 1-850-487-0554 Rebecca.Lucas@myfwc.com.

Rick Grassett/Sam Root/FWC 🦅

TBFFC NEWS&NOTES

After a year of assembling the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing club newsletter, I'm moving on. My wife has decided she wants to practice law in West Palm Beach, so we're moving to Jupiter in November. It's taken me three years to get a handle on the Tampa Bay fishery. Now I have another one to conquer.

I'd like to thank a handful of TBFFC members who have made my stay here an absolute delight: Walt Durkin and Ted Hagaman for letting me tag along with them to MacDill; Enver Hysni for showing me the ropes at Tampa Bay on the Fly; Leigh West and Bryon Chamberlin for fielding all endless angling questions; and Pat Damico for his reliable editorial content. 🦅 Mike Hodge

EVENTS

- Florida FFF Expo, **Oct. 10-11**, Crystal River.
- Frank Rhodes/Club Mexico trip, **Oct. 18-24**
- Carl Hanson Outing (TBFFC hosts), **Oct. 25**
- Big Gun Shootout, **Nov. 9**, Picnic Island Park.
- Play Hooky Outing, Dec. **5/12**, Port Manatee.

Tips for TBFFC: No. 75

Casting Tip: No. 58

How to Get a Drag-Free Float

Just back from some freshwater trout fishing with very finicky fish. Any drag present on the dry fly would result in a refusal. A frequent challenge is when a fish rises downstream of your position. A typical pick up-and-lay-down cast resulting in a straight line to the fish would cause a submerged fly or short drift with drag. A pile cast requires a low back cast and a high forward cast and then dropping the rod tip to the water's surface. Line will "pile" on the surface slowly unraveling as it moves downstream allowing the fly to drift without resistance or drag. Hook set is more difficult because of slack, but fly acceptance will increase.

Pat Damico, MCI 🦟

More Tips:

Why Effort Matters, Even in Fly Fishing

Tide is not everything. A few weeks ago, Walt Durkin and I made our usual trip to MacDill. We were in between moon phases and the incoming tide was weak, yielding a foot or so of movement, if that.

High tide was at 10:30, a 2.6 so sight fishing was not an option. I hate blind casting, but I went along because my options were limited. Beach snook and tarpon were on the way out; the morning tides weren't really low enough for tailing reds, at least in the Bay.

MacDill mullet were everywhere. Figured what the hell: Throw a spoon in the mix and see what happens. The reds obliged. Walt and I totaled 10 reds, all on fly. Both of us had could have had more. Walt caught the fish of the day, a 10-pounder.

Not long after that. A porpoise rolled in close to the mangroves, a signal that we were pretty much done for the day, but a lesson was learned: Tide and water level are important, but fish when you can. You never know what might happen. Mike Hodge 🦟



Walt Durkin with a bruiser MacDill red on high tide.



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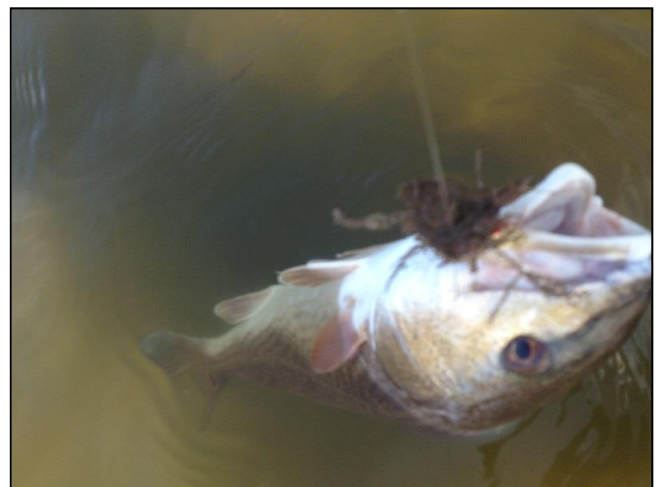
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Member Photos, Sept/Oct.



Top: *Terry Gibson* speaks about forage fish. Robert Fischer ties.
Midde: *Walt Durkin* with a MacDill red. A morning walk on Redington Beach. **Bottom:** Any red on fly is a good fish, regardless of the size.

Fly of the Month



The Grapenut

As tied by Robert Fischer

What you need/materials

#1 Mustad standard length hook, lead wire (to wrap hook shank), gold holographic Krystal flash, purple chenille, purple calf tail, peacock feathers, glue.

1. Put a small bend in the first 1/4" of a #1 standard length hook to create the bend back. Crimp down the barb. Set it in the vise with the hook point below the shank.
2. Wrap a base of black thread along the shank to the bend past the barb.
3. Tie in lead wire at the bend and wrap it forward to within 1/4" of the eye. Small lead wire makes a slow sinking fly; large lead wire makes a fast sinking fly.
4. Tie in eight strands of small gold holographic flash at the bend by the lead wire. Cut to 3/8" long.
5. Tie in purple chenille at the same spot. Wrap the thread forward to the end of the lead wire.
6. Run a bead of head cement along the top of the lead wrapping and wrap the chenille forward to the end of the lead wire. Tie off. The cement will hold the chenille in place.
7. Invert the hook in the vise, so that the point is above the shank.
8. On the 1/4" of hook straight behind the eye, tie in a small bunch of purple calf tail. Make sure it is on top of the hook and reaches back to even with the bend.
9. Tie in another small bunch of purple calf tail that extends 1/2" past the bend.
10. Tie a small bunch of peacock on the top left side. Tie another small bunch of peacock on the top right side. Make sure they are equally balanced on the top of the fly.
11. Build up a head of black thread and whip finish.

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"

October 2014

It's Time for Redfish

What's Hot: "We used to practice on Tampa Bay Bay redfish to catch bonefish in the Keys, now we practice on bonefish in the Keys to catch Tampa Bay redfish," noted fly fisherman Lefty Kreh said. Fishing and boating pressure have changed our fish's behavior. Schools of reds are feeding heavily in the shallow water of our Bay and surrounding areas in preparation for an upcoming spawn. Guides that fish with bait are reporting large numbers of successful outings. Are those of us that prefer fly fishing at a disadvantage?



Pat Damico

Tactics: Fly fishing for reds in shallow water is more like

hunting: be very stealthy and cautious, wear clothes that blend in with the environment, get out of the boat and wade, and be able to make long, accurate casts with a minimum of false casting. Carefully placing a good imitation of a bait fish, shrimp or crab close to the nose of a wary red is necessary. If fish are moving, lead them as you would when wing shooting. The cast will be where the fish will be soon after the fly lands. When pursuing tailing or slow-moving sighted fish, drop the offering close to the fish's nose without pulling it into its face. Smaller flies and long finer leaders are frequently necessary.

Members' catches/reports Focus on reds as the water cools, the fishing will improve soon. November tides are the start of fabulous morning lows in the Bay.

Pat Damico/Mike Hodge 🌅

Member Benefits

TBFFC is famous for its value and focus on the sharing of information, experience, and craftsmanship with its members. As a TBFFC member you will enjoy many benefits free or at nominal cost.

- Monthly Meetings with informative speakers
- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
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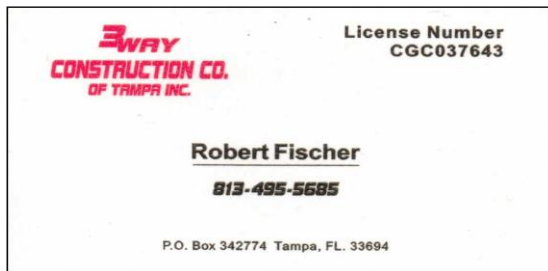
Finally Time for the Florida Fly Fishing Expo

Crystal River---Organizers for the fifth annual Florida Fly Fishing Expo are eagerly awaiting world renowned fly-fishing experts Bob Clouser of Pennsylvania and Wanda Taylor of Georgia as special guest instructors at the Oct. 10-11, 2014 Expo at The Plantation on Crystal River.

Clouser and Taylor bring different insights and fly-fishing strengths to their programs.

Clouser, an internationally respected fly-fishing instructor and author, created the *Clouser Deep Minnow*, perhaps the most-used and recognized fly in the world. Taylor is the first-ever woman certified as a master fly casting instructor by the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF). Her programs include just-for-women workshops and clinics.

Special Expo programs will include IFFF-certified fly casting instructors and fly tiers teaching their skills. Hands-on clinics, demonstrations and workshops include instruction for beginning through advanced fly casters, outdoor photography classes, fly-fishing techniques, building first-aid kits for boat and trail, tying effective new fly patterns and more. Admission is \$10, which includes both days. Admission is free to kids 16 and younger when accompanied by an adult. *David Lambert* 🌅



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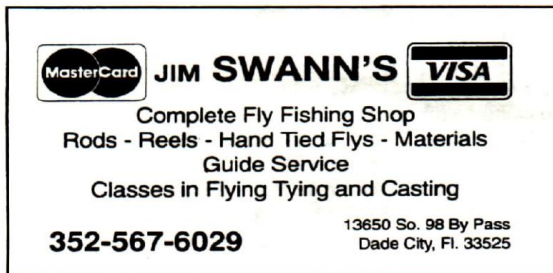


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