



The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Compton Park Recreation Center, Tampa Palms (See below for Directions)

Invited Speaker

Kevin Howell

Growing up as the son of a nationally known fly tier and fisherman; Kevin was fortunate enough to have fished in 2 foreign countries and 38 of the fifty states, before he headed off to college. Kevin earned a BS in technology and a BS in Education from Appalachian State University. In 1997 Kevin took a job as manager of Davidson River Outfitters, and added Dwight and Don's Custom Tackle in 1998

Kevin is also a nationally known fly tier and is currently one of the Signature Fly Designers for Umpqua Feather Merchants. Kevin is also on the Sage Pro/Advisory staff. Kevin has been featured on Trout Unlimited Television, Fly Fishing America, and The Three Day Weekend on Home and Garden Television. He has numerous fishing and casting championships to his credit, including: Team semi-finalist in the 2003 Fly Fishing Masters Competition; 2006 winner of Fly Fishing Master's National Championship; and the 2008 Rumble in the Rhododendron Fly Fishing Tournament.

Kevin has also Authored "The Southeast Fly Guide" a hatch book designed to help southern trout anglers understand what flies to use when. He also completed the book "Tying and Fishing Southern Appalachian Trout Flies" which his father had started before he passed away in 1998.

Featured Fly Tyer

Jeff Janecek

Our tyer for this month is Jeff Janecek. He has demonstrated several fly patterns in the past. This time Jeff will be tying a fly he fished this December in the North Carolina Mountains. It is a leech pattern that was effective in 30 degree weather with 2 ft of snow on the ground. The fly caught 7 rainbow trout in 15" range, 1 17" brown, and a 19" brook. Jeff placed the fly just above the pools in the rapids and retrieved in 6" strips. All were caught in less than one hour. Jeff's goal is to introduce new members to tying flies. There is a great feeling of satisfaction tying your own fly, reading the water, placing a cast just where you want it, then...the take.

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JANUARY 2010 PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello and Happy Holidays,
2009 flew by so fast, it’s hard to imagine that January 2010 is here already....

The Club wants to thank **Nick Angelo, Walt Durkin, Logan Valeri,** and **Jeff Janecek** for teaching us how to tie some of their favorite flies at our Dec meeting, and to **Pat Damico** for organizing the Tie-A-Thon. Thanks also to everyone that brought food and drinks. I know that our members had a good time.

Thanks to all participants in our annual *Play Hooky for the Holidays* outing at the fish hatchery. Members fished first (to beat the rain), ate some great seafood prepared by **Nick Colantonio**, then had an entertaining and informative lecture on the activities of the hatchery by **Gina Russo**.

Well I hope everyone has had a good Holiday and a safe New Year. See you at our January meeting.....

Tight Lines, Neil 

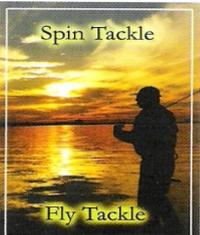
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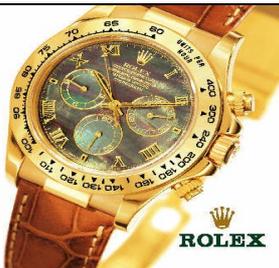
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TBFFC EVENTS

2010 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for all of 2010: January 6; February 3; March 3; April 7; May 5; June 2; July 7; August 4; September 1; October 6; November 3; December 1, **Please watch this space for any changes.**

2010 TBFFC OUTINGS

There are no club outings planned for January. We hope to renew the annual shad outing on the St John's River in February. Details will be published next month.

NEW FLY FISHING TV SHOW ON SUNDAYS

Sunday morning, December 27 on ESPN2 at 9am is the premier of "Pirates of the Flats", the new fly fishing show that Aaron Adams is associated with, along with Lefty Kreh, Michael Keaton, and Thomas McGuane. Look for repeats the following Saturday morning. There is a trailer on youtube to give you a taste:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVVA9yT07G0>

WANT TO BE AN FFF DEMONSTRATION TYER?

Hi to my Fly Fishing Friends in Florida, I would like to extend an invitation to all of the FFF Florida Council Members who would be interested in being a Demonstration Fly Tier at our upcoming FFF Southeastern Council Conclave. The conclave will take place next June 4-5, 2010 at the Unicoi State Park, in Helen, Georgia.

Would you kindly forward the invitation to your clubs and members? I would greatly appreciate it.

Best regards and Happy Holidays,
Jodi Slapcinsky, SEC FFF
Vice President of Communications and Fly Tying Chair
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Note: If interested, contact Jodi above or Dick Miekka at dmiekka@cs.com

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LLOYD BULL PLANNING 2010 TRIPS

If interested in either of the great fishing adventures listed below, contact Lloyd at the December meeting or at (727) 784-8410. **Hurry: Lloyd must make reservations soon.**

- Great Bear Lake (his last) July 31-August 8 (approx)
- Also Green River, Early May.

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NOTE: Newer Location for MCFE Club meetings - **Twin Lakes Park**. The entrance to Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota is located on Clark Road, just 1/2 mile east of I-75, on the south (right) side of the road. Contact website above for details and directions.

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TIPS FOR TBFFC – No. 19

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 2

We will take the first of five Essential components of a technically correct cast. Different instructors will occasionally say they use three or four essentials, but their definition will usually combine the five essentials we will discuss. Bill and Jay Gambell in their excellent booklet available from FFF, "The Essentials of Fly Casting," first published in 1993, is still the indisputable standard.

There must be a PAUSE at the end of each stroke, which varies in duration with the amount of line beyond the rod tip. In order to cast a fly, the rod must bend or load. The weight of the line loads the rod in fly casting. The more straight line outside of the rod tip, the more the rod will load. A beginner should frequently watch his backcast to make sure the line is almost straight as it unrolls before the forward cast is begun. If the length of fly line is constant, the amount of pause is the same on both the forward and backcast. When false casting, not allowing the fly line to touch the ground or water, gradually increase the length of line and the amount of time you wait or pause before starting to move the rod tip in the opposite direction. As an exercise, begin false casting with only a few feet of line outside the rod tip. Increase line a foot at a time and monitor your timing, when it looks and feels right, with nice tight loops, add a foot of line and continue. Waiting, or pausing, too long will allow the line to completely straighten and gravity will take over causing the line to fall at the same time unloading the fly rod and destroying the cast. To unload the rod properly at the end of each stroke the rod tip should have a crisp stop. Short cast, short pause; long cast, long pause.

Pat Damico, MCI 🌞

Spicy Dip Was a December Meeting Favorite

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Ingredients:

- 3 large chicken breasts
- 2 bricks cream cheese
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 1 (15oz) bottle Frank's Original Red Hot
- 8oz of Ken's Steakhouse Blue Cheese Dressing

Directions:

- In a large sauce pan with lid, add chopped celery, Frank's Original Red Hot, and chicken breasts. Simmer covered on med/low heat for 30 min. Flip chicken after 15 min. Cut chicken breasts in half if they are very thick.
- Remove chicken and set aside. Add cream cheese and blue cheese dressing. Allow cream cheese to soften in pan while working on the chicken.
- Using 2 forks, shred chicken into very small pieces.
- After cream cheese has softened, mix the Frank's sauce, cream cheese, and dressing.
- Add the shredded chicken back to the mixture and fold in.
- Allow to simmer for another 15 to 20 minutes.

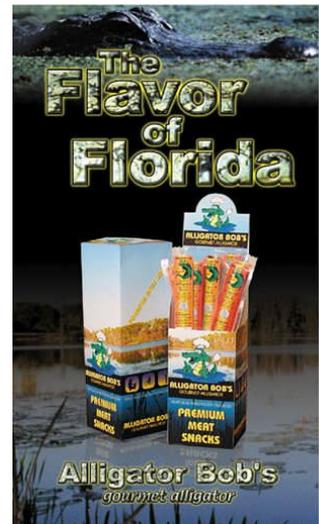
*Serve warm with Fritos Scoops or Tostitos Scoops.

* For reduced calorie dip, substitute 1/3 less fat cream cheese and Ken's Lite Blue Cheese Dressing.

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* Leftover dip can tolerate freezing fairly well.

Bryon Chamberlin 🌞



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Member Photos for January, 2010



Second Chance: After getting skunked during a quickie November Bonefish trip to the upper keys (see last month photo) **Dave Chouinard** had better luck a few days later on an Islamorada Bonefish Mini Trip with **Greg Peterson**. They had about 15 good shots for the weekend with Dave getting two eats and one fish landed and photographed above. While driving across Alligator Alley, they hit a big bump at about 50 mph that turned out to be a 10 foot gator. Greg claims he has no idea how nothing broke but the only damage was some marks on the bumper and his underwear.



What's in the pot? Mmmmmm! Only two fish were caught during the **Play Hooky** outing on December 4, and we have no pictures to show of the nice (but small) tarpon and the snook.

Members ran for cover when it started to rain shortly before noon. By then, **Nick Colantonio** had already prepared his steamy seafood and pasta specialty. (photos by Denise Bruner)



Is your fly pattern more important than how you present it?

By Pat Damico

A book that should be in every saltwater fly fisherman's library is, "Fisherman's Coast," by Aaron J. Adams, Ph.D. Described as, "An angler's guide to marine warm-water gamefish and their habits," this book has been a revelation on how to fish different fly patterns. The author spends a lot of time discussing different types of prey found in every type of shallow saltwater environment. Color and size, as well as movements are presented in detail. Aaron's most recent book, "Fly Fisherman's Guide to Saltwater Prey," continues his quest and not only describes and contains photos of prey, but has detailed tying instructions and patterns that closely duplicate each life form.

Freshwater trout fishermen frequently wear a wool patch on their vests to dry fly patterns used that day. Did you ever notice that the most successful fisherman usually only have a couple flies present, while others may have a dozen or more? What does this tell us? Can we apply this information to improve our saltwater success? Could it be that the way a fly is presented is more important than the pattern itself? If you "match the hatch," exactly, why aren't you having as much success as you should? Think about how many times your beautiful fly improved as fish after fish destroyed the fly until only half of it was left.

With crabs, for instance, most fisherman fish a good pattern ineffectively. When discussing snook, the author reveals that stomach contents in colder weather show a very high number of crab parts. This finding was reinforced when our Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club had an outing close to Cockroach bay. Dressed for a cold windy morning with water temperatures below sixty degrees, we were all wading and fly fishing except for one person nearby who was using live shrimp with spinning tackle. During the first fifteen minutes, he caught two redfish and a snook casting into a deeper hole and just letting his bait sit on the bottom. None of us fly fishing had a strike. I switched to a weighted crab pattern and with a sinking tip line cast into the deepest part of the water in front of me. After waiting until I was sure

the fly was on the bottom, I made short, one inch slow strips. My third cast stopped abruptly, almost like being snagged, and when I strip set the hook, I felt some head shaking. I thought I had a redfish on because the fish just, "Bulldogged," along the bottom. When he tired and came to the surface, much to my surprise, it was a decent snook. I told my companions what I was using, and continues to fish. Soon, another snook took my bottom-hugging crab pattern. After releasing the fish, I again shouted, "Put on a crab pattern!" Two more larger snook were later released. Every fish caught that morning fell to the same technique. Others fishing the same pattern were not fishing slow or deep enough to duplicate natural bait. Instead of changing to multiple patterns, presentation was the key.

Our spin fishing friends who use a DOA shrimp successfully follow my friend Capt. Mel's advice, "If you think you are fishing it too slow, slow it down even more." This will tell you how to fish shrimp patterns.

Size and color of these patterns should not be underestimated. Use a shrimp or crab pattern that closely matches the bottom you are fishing. 🌅

On Trout Fishing

I fish because I like to, because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful. Inherent in cities, where crowds of people are found, which are invariably ugly, because of all the television commercials, cocktail parties, and assorted social posturing I thus escape; because in a world in which men spend most of their lives doing things they hate, my fishing, at once, is an endless source of delight; and an act of small rebellion. Because trout do not lie, or cheat; or cannot be bought; or bribed; or impressed by power; but respond only to quietude and humility and endless patience. Because I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time, and I for one, don't want to waste the trip, because, mercifully, there are no telephones on trout waters. Because only in the woods can I find solitude without loneliness, because bourbon out of an old tin cup tastes better out there! Because maybe one day, I'll catch a mermaid, and finally, not because I regard fishing as so terribly important, but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant, and not nearly so much fun. . .

Supreme Court Justice John Volker

What We Did 15 Years Ago

Editors note: in this series we will periodically give a summary of club activities 15 years ago.

The Club meeting was held on December 14, 1994, at 7pm, Interbay Community Center. Program of the night was a Fly Tying Clinic led by Bill Murdich.

Plans were being made for the club banquet on March 3 at the University Club with Stu Apte as the keynote speaker (\$20.00 for members).

Membership fee was \$25 for single, \$35 for family.

Tom Theus was President of the club.

Over 24 members attended a club outing at Honeymoon Island and got high winds, murky water, and no fish!

Dan Lagace was among the newest members.

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FISHING BLOG

I'd like to invite you to sign in and say hello on a new fly fishing blog: The Fly Fishing Forum. It is free and it hopefully will develop into an interactive space where there will be talk of flies, fly fishing and the game fish that eat our flies. You can come visit and leave a comment or two about fly fishing. Hope to see you there. thanks...AP (Angelo Peluso)

www.theflyfishingforum.blogspot.com

Louisiana Cajun Fishing!

A Louisiana Cajun was stopped by a Game Warden because he had two ice chests full of fish. He was leavin' a bayou, well-known for its fishing.

The Game Warden asked the man, 'Do you have a license to catch those fish?'

'Naw, sir', replied the cajun. 'I ain't got none of dem there licenses. You gotta unnerstan', dese here are my pet fish.'

'Pet fish?'

'Yeah. Evry night, I take dese here fish down to de lake and let 'em swim 'round for 'while. Den, when I whistle, dey jump right back into dis here ice chests and I take 'em home.'

'That's a bunch of hooley! Fish can't do that.'

The cajun looked at the Warden for a moment and then said, 'It's de truth Mr. Government Man. I'll show ya. It really works.'

'O. K.', said the warden. 'I've got to see this!'

The cajun poured the fish into the lake and stood and waited.

After several minutes, the Warden says, 'Well?'

'Well, what?', says the cajun.

The Warden says, 'When are you going to call them back?'

'Call who back?'

'The FISH', replied the Warden!

'What fish?', replied the cajun.

Moral of the story:

We may not be as smart as some city slickers, but we ain't as dumb as some government employees.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Royal Humpy

As Tied by Logan Valeri



Materials

Hook: a dry fly hook size 10-20 (example: 900BL)

Thread: Copper or brown

Tail: Moose body hair stacked

Body: Red floss or waxed nylon

Overbody: Bleached or yearling elk hair stacked

Hackle: Black/White grizzly and brown or ginger

Wing: Extension of the elk overbody seperated (optional)

1. Take a dry fly hook (this hook can range anywhere from a size 14 to a size 22) and place it securely in a vice. Lay down a thread base with a 6/0 brown or copper thread (the size does not really matter). Start about half way on the hook shank and take your thread down to the end of the shank.

2. Grab a small clump of moose body hair (the amount of hair depending on the size of the fly) and stack it. Tie it down on the end of the shank. This acts as the tail. Let it extend from the back of the hook about half of the shank's length long. Tie it down to the point where you started the thread which was at the 50% mark of the shank. Trim the excess.

3. Bring the thread back to the end of the fly where the moose is tied in. Cut off a small clump of bleached or yearling elk hair. The clump should be a little bit thicker than the tail. Stack it and tie it down on top of the moose. If the elk hair flares (which it probably will), trim the excess where it is. This will be the "hump" of the fly.

4. With your thread at the halfway point, tie in some red floss or waxed nylon. You can use different colors, but the 'royal' humpy is tied with red. Take this strand and wrap it over where you have tied down the moose and the elk making sure to cover all of this area. Make a thick layer with the floss. Bring it back up to the halfway point and tie it off with the thread. Trim the excess.

5. Take the elk that is on top of the moose and turn it over the red body of the fly creating the hump. Make sure to grab all of the elk fibers and not the moose fibers. Take this folded clump and tie it down in front of the halfway mark. Do not trim the excess off of this however. Hold the excess upward and make a few wraps of thread in front of it. This will make the rest of the elk stand up a little. This will create the wing. If you wish you may split the wing in two. This makes the fly look more realistic and gives it two wings instead of one.

6. Take your thread and wrap behind the wing a little. This will give room for the hackle. Select one grizzly and one ginger or brown hackle. Match the size of the feathers with the size of the hook. This doesn't have to be perfect. Take the two hackle feathers and tie them both in (one on top of the other) at the

same time behind the wing with the shiny sides up. Move your thread in front of the wing by the eye of the hook. With your hackle pliers, you can palmer them forward together or one at a time. It's up to you. Make sure that you cover the thread behind the wing with these feathers. Once you are finished wrapping behind the wing you can bring the feathers in front of it and start wrapping towards the eye. Leave room for a small tapered head.

7. When you are done palmering the hackle feathers, tie them off and trim the excess. Make a small, neat, and tapered head with your thread. Make sure you do not crowd the eye. Whip finish or half hitch several times and clip the thread. You are finished! With practice, you can master this great dry fly attractor for trout out west. 🍷

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"

Happy New Year.

This year I plan to make this fishing report column a little more interesting, but I will need a lot of help from you all. Catches and non catches will always be included. Funny and weird happenings will also make this report interesting to read.

Greg Peterson and Dave Chouinard fishing in Islamorada on a bonefish outing and had to work hard for two eats and one fish landed. They reported that the fish were very spooky. Driving across alligator alley they hit a speed bump (an alligator) at 50 mph. Greg says that it is hard to miss a 10 foot gator. No body was hurt and no damage to the vehicle.

Capt Rick Grasset guided **Keith Roessler** from Albuquerque NM to a catch of a very nice blue fish caught on a clouser fly. Ultra hair clouser was the fly that caught 15 pompano to 3-pounds and several blues to 4-pounds for **Rusty Chinnis** from Long Boat Key. **Bob Harness** from St Louis, Mo., fishing Sarasota Bay caught several Trout, Spanish mackerel and blues on ustra hair clousers. Other fly fishers caught trout, snook, blues, pompano and flounder on clousers.

Robert Fischer and Ted Hagaman ventured out to Waucasassa with another fishing club for a fishing tournament. Bob did well with reds to 26 inches and Ted won his division with a 19 inch trout.

Capt Pat Damico and Capt Byron Chamberlain in a river south of Tampa bay caught snook on the surface with flute flies, gurglers and chartreuse and white clousers.

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