



The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker

Brad Lowman

Brad is an active and experienced fly fisherman and fly tier, and an active member of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He has run the fly fishing department at Bill Jackson's, joined a new production fly tying venture in Mexico where he had to teach employees who had never fly fished how to tie flies. That took patience and fortitude. More recently Brad joined the staff at Flint Creek Outfitters in Riverview. His duties include guiding trips to some of the most fabled freshwater bass fishing waters in Florida, including Bienville Plantation in northern Florida. Brad will take us on our own personal bass fishing trip, complete with tricks of the trade. Be sure to attend this very special talk.

Featured Fly Tier

Brad Lowman---- and You

Come prepared to tie your own versions of some of Brad's favorite flies that are guaranteed to catch trophy fresh water bass just like the Saturday morning pros, only using flies instead of those big ol' plugs. As usual, the club will supply fly tying vises and other essentials, so all you have to do is show up.

Our regular fly tying tutorial "Bull session" for members will begin at 5:30.

SPECIAL DRAWING FOR ALL ATTENDING CLUB MEMBERS

Win a half-day fly fishing the flats on Saturday, November 20, with Capt. Bryon Chamberlin

Directions to Our Meetings: From I-75---Take Bruce B. Downs exit from I-75; go west 2 miles to traffic light, turn left onto Tampa Palms Blvd., then left on Compton Drive, and right at Compton Park. **From I-275---**Take Bearss East to Bruce. B. Downs; then Bruce B. Downs east/north to Tampa Palms Blvd. Rt. on Tampa Palms, then left on Compton Drive and right at Compton Park

NOVEMBER 2010 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fly Clubbers,

Welcome to November and fine fall fishing on Tampa Bay. Please try to get out there and enjoy the cooler weather and hotter fishing.

Many thanks to **Rick** and **Nanette O'Hara** for their presentation on fishing in the Glades and to **Denise Bruner** for tying.

Check page 3 below for coming events, especially the Big Gun in November and Play Hooky in December.

Eight of us traveled to Mexico on a great trip where we caught bonefish, permit, tarpon and snook amid beautiful surroundings and friendly hosts; details to follow at a future meeting. Had good results with a Lefty shrimp fly, which we will tie at one of our beginner sessions.

Take care and tight lines

. //Walt 

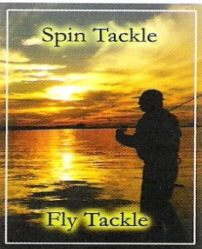
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The next meeting of the TBFFC Board of Directors will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 10 at Four Green Fields Restaurant.


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TBFFC EVENTS

2010 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for the rest of 2010; November 3; December 1, **Please watch this space for any changes.**

A NEW FLY SHOP HAS OPENED

"Tampa Bay on the Fly" had its grand opening on October 14. See their ad on page 10.

BIG GUN SHOOTOUT SET FOR NOVEMBER 21

When: Sunday, November 21, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Where: Picnic Island Park, We will be at the first parking area beyond the boat dock turnoffs.

What: This is an annual event in which our club hosts surrounding clubs in a friendly competition of fly-casting skills. There are five casting accuracy tests, including the infamous Hanson cup, and one distance casting test. The few contestants who manage a 100 ft. cast during the regular competition are invited to compete in the final event, a shootout for the top distance prize. Trophies are awarded for individual and team (of 3) performances and a great lunch

Judging: Please plan to do a bit of judging (which is fun), so that everyone can participate in the event. For more information contact Walt Durkin at 813-476-7128

PLAY HOOKY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

When: Friday, December 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Cockroach Bay

This year we will play hooky at Cockroach Bay. This has become a favorite outing for many of our members. Take a day off, leave the holiday stress behind and join us for a day of semi-relaxed fishing for sea trout, redfish, and whatever else is in those fine waters. Lunch will be served, along with good fellowship and tall tails.

Sign up at the December club meeting

2010 MCFF/CCA "Fall Fly Fishing Challenge"

The Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers and Sarasota Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association will hold their 6th annual "Fall Fly Fishing Challenge" on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010 out of the Ken Thompson Park boat ramp on City Island in Sarasota. Call Rick Grassett at 923-7799 or e-mail snookfin@aol.com for more info.

FALL-WINTER EVENTS TO BE SCHEDULED

1. Don Coleman outing at Fort Desoto Park (Joint with SCFF and MCFF) probably on December 18.
2. Club Outing at Simmons Park – Winter
3. Shad Outing – January or February 2011

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Regular Meetings: 6:30pm on the Third Thursday of each month, **except December**, at Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7883 26th Ave. N., St. Pete.

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NOTE: Newer Location for MCFF 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. 29

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 12

An Emergency Casting Clinic is like a casting ER. Bring your casting problems and have them fixed. While giving one with fellow MCI Bill Whitebread at The Evening Hatch, a Pocono Mountain fly shop in PA, we concluded that almost every participant had the same casting fault. Their pick-up and lay down casts all had large back loops and frequent tailing loops on the forward cast, causing “wind knots.” Most were freshwater trout and bass fishermen. Starting the cast with the rod tip too high used up more than half of the casting arc and introduced slack. A more horizontal positioning of the rod was used to complete the backcast. The forward cast then began with too much power causing the rod tip to move in a concave direction. Since the line follows the rod tip, a tailing loop was the result. Always start your backcast with the rod tip close to the water and without slack. This single cast could violate all five casting essentials we previously discussed

Pat Damico, MCI 🌅

Some Home Remedies from the Internet – Hope They Work!

Drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately-without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional pain relievers.

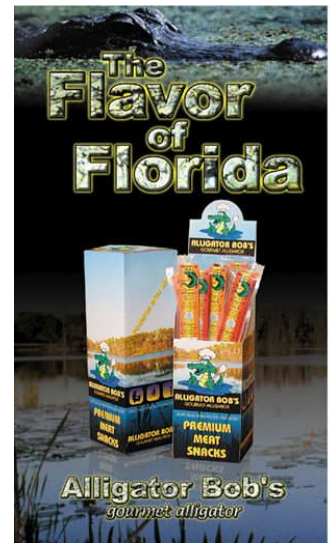
For a hangover, just drink as much water as you can stomach. Relief should be quick.

Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose.

Achy muscles from a bout of the flu? Mix 1 tablespoon horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as massage oil for instant relief for aching muscles.

Sore throat? Just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.

Cure urinary tract infections with Alka-Seltzer. Just dissolve two tablets in a glass of water and drink it at the onset of the symptoms. Alka-Seltzer begins eliminating urinary tract infections almost instantly-even though the product was never advertised for this use 🌅



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Member Photos, November 2010



Nanette and Rick O'Hara, guided by **Capt. Kevin Mihailoff** (middle) won the Fly Rod Division of the RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament out of Naples for the second year in a row. They received framed, signed photographs by noted landscape photographer Clyde Butcher as their "trophies."



Here are some photos from **Denise Bruner's** trip up in NC /TN in October. She holds a Brown caught on the Davidson River on a size 22 midge fly. Next is a photo of one of the pens taken at the hatchery.

Member Photos, Continued.



October fishing can be about more than the fish. **Denise Bruner** caught this view (L) of the South Holsten in Tennessee.

Jack Hexter reports: "I fished the Tellico River (R) in Tennessee October 11 for the first time in about 20 years. GREAT trout stream!! Couldn't buy a fish on a wooly bugger, but saw some fish rising so I switched to a dry fly that I found in my box. In the last hour, before my back gave out, I caught 2 brook trout and 1 rainbow. No pix of the fish, but the foliage color change is going off big time. Fly fishermen don't fish in ugly spots"



Who are those masked men? The Lone Ranger?
Tonto?

Check this newsletter next month to find out the true story about these mysterious strangers.

Hint: A group of TBFFC members is rumored to have headed south and west to a secret location in Mexico where they spent late October seeking treasure and bandits on the flats.



Project Healing Waters: A photographic essay



Healing Waters Outing

October 12, 2010



Drew fights a big Bass



Brittney lands her 2nd fish on fly

Drew's big bass in the weeds



FLY OF THE MONTH

Christmas Clouser

As Tied by Denise Bruner



MATERIALS:

Hook: Tiemco 8005, size 4 or similar saltwater hook with the barb pinched down.

Eyes: Bead chain eyes.

Thread: Danville Flat Waxed Nylon, Red.

Body: Bucktail, white and green.

Wing: Krystal Flash Holographic

Head cement or Hard as Nails clear nail polish.

1. Mount the hook into vise with the point side down, tie in thread running it down the shank of the hook and back up two thirds of the way back to the hook eye.
2. Tie in the bead chain eyes using figure eight pattern then cinching down the eyes rodeo style with a few sideways underwraps, move the thread forward in front of the bead chain eyes.
3. Tie in a small pinch of combed (to remove underfur) white bucktail by laying it over the length of the hook starting with the cut side at the hook eye. Be sure to tie in behind the bead chain eyes so it will not flair up and the red thread represent gills. You can determine length of bucktail desired by measuring against the hook, then trimming to length as needed.
4. Turn hook over or rotate the vise to tie in the Krystal flash, use sparingly, normally I use two pieces folded in half using the thread to divide again as I tie it in, I use a dab of head cement in between each step.
5. Tie in the equal amount of of the green Bucktail starting and ending in front of the eye, match up the length with the white bucktail. Build the head into a cone shape and whip finish to tie off.
6. Apply a little Head cement to enhance durability.

I vary this pattern by using different colored thread and manufactured dumbbell eyes depending how heavy I would like the fly to swim. 🌞

Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Members **Steve Parker** and **Frank Rhodes** fished Costa de Cocos in Xcalac Mexico. On the first day Steve caught a grand slam – bonefish, tarpon and permit. Both caught a ton of bonefish and had a great trip.

Member **David Mullins** wading the flats of the Cypress Street beach hooked up with trout and ladyfish on a chartreuse and white clouser and jumped a snook up in the mangroves on a small all white fly.

Capt. Bryon Chamberlin reports fishing the dock lights at night is producing lots of trout and a few redfish. Snook however are a rare find under the lights in the Tampa Bay area. The cold winter really did a number on them. Schools of redfish are on the flats, but they are spooky from pressure by bait anglers. Mackerel and little tunny are available in the shipping channel from the Skyway Bridge to Egmont key. Look for diving birds and white water caused by the breaking fish. When the winds are down, throw a 7 wt with a floating line for maximum sport. Small minnow patterns about 1.5 inches in length will do the trick.

Greg Stepanski, fishing with **Capt Rick Grasset** caught Spanish mackerel and little tunnies on glass minnow flies. Greg said if you haven't tried this you need to because it's a blast. Rick's brother Kirk came down from Delaware for a visit and on fly caught nice reds while fishing with Capt Rick Depaiva out of Ft. Myers

Jack Hexter fished the Tellico River in Tennessee October 11 for the first time in about 20 years. Last time he fished it he used nothing but olive wooly buggers and caught lots of rainbows. But, that was during stocking season which ended Sept 15 this year. Jack couldn't buy a fish on a wooly bugger, but saw some fish rising so switched to a dry fly and caught 2 brook trout and 1 rainbow.

Tight Lines,
Bob Gaulin
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Random Thought for the Month:

You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.

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