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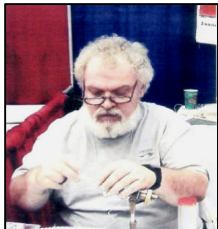
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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 06, 2011, 5:30 p.m.**

### Special Program Club Fish Fry

Be sure to skip supper before you come to our September meeting, because we are going to have a good old fashioned Florida Fish Fry. The fry will be prepared and presented by Robert Fischer and Alligator Bob. In addition to member-caught fish, the meal will include hush puppies, cheese grits and cold drinks. Our gourmet chefs are requesting members to bring a favorite appetizer, casserole or dessert dish for the assembled members to sample, assuming they have some room after the fish 'n fixin's.

### Featured Fly Tier Layne "Smitty" Smith ---- and You



Smitty is one of the Bay area's premier fly tyers. He started tying when he was 6 years old and got serious about it in the early 60's. 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 salt water patterns.

Since then he has created many successful new patterns including the world's best bluegill fly, the Crystal Beetle (an advanced twist on the foam spider). His friends began calling him "Spiderman" because of the incredible success of that one.

Tonight he will be tying a variety of his astoundingly successful flies. Don't miss this great chance to see a master at work. He can be reached at 727-544-0768.

**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

## July 2011 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Flyfishers,

**Welcome to July** and it-can't-get-any-hotter-than-June weather. The local waters are near their maximum summer heating of around 90 degrees. Some fish will bite and others won't, so go after the ones that will. Also fish early and late and forget midday unless you are a guide with no choice.

Thanks to **Susan Young** for reminding us how much fun it is to fish from a kayak. Thanks also to **Jeff Janeck** for his latest freshwater popper tying demo. See page 8 for the instructions.

Be sure to come to our July meeting for another great fish fry with all the trimmings. There will be no speaker to interrupt your feast. You probably have a leftover favorite concoction or dessert from Independence Day that you can reassemble and bring to the meeting.

See you there,  
Dick 🐊

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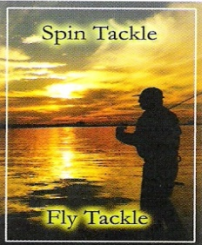
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## TBFFC EVENTS

### 2010 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for 2011; July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7 **Please watch this space for any changes.**

#### JULY OUTING TO BE HELD AT MILLNS'

**When:** Saturday, July 30, early a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (**Note: date changed from the June newsletter**)

**What:** Come and try a bit of fresh water fishing on private Lake Calm.

**How to get there:** Maps will be available to those who sign up at the July Club meeting.

**What else:** Lunch will be served.

This will be a rare opportunity to fish on private waters with very low fishing pressure and naïve fish.

**Our 2010 outing** at John's camp was a rousing success, so plan to attend, and chase away the dog days of summer!

#### **Bonus Happening:**

#### **Freshwater Fishing Class by Jeff Janecek**

For those of you who would like to be successful at freshwater fishing, Jeff will be at Lake Calm at daylight. You will need a canoe or kayak. Jeff has an extra one if needed on a first call reserve basis He will go over the gear he uses and why. Then show the flies to use based on the conditions of the lake as well as how to cast and present them. Then you're off on your own to try your luck. If you need a fly to get going, Jeff will sell you one real cheap and if you catch a fish on it, the price doubles. Actually Jeff gives the flies away, as he likes to share his catching enjoyment. If you just want to hang back and see how he works the flies....that's fine too. See ya there.

Jeff can be contacted at 352-588-3866 or [400exjl@ij.net](mailto:400exjl@ij.net)

#### FUTURE CLUB OUTINGS AND EVENTS

1. Chassahowitzka outing, September 17
2. Big gun Shootout. November 6 or 20

#### O'HARA EVERGLADES CABIN FOR RENT

Fee is \$85 per night + one-time \$35 cleaning fee. Contact Rick O'Hara at 727-410-0459 or [flyguy47@verizon.net](mailto:flyguy47@verizon.net).

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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. 37

### Casting Tip for TBFFC: 20

We described different grips while casting, but did not address how tight or loose it should be. The tendency to grip harder as more power is needed seems normal, but is detrimental. A tight grip will become tiresome and will send unnecessary shock waves thru the rod. When you practice, use only your thumb and two fingers to hold the rod as you go thru the casting stroke. You will be surprised how effective and relaxed your casting will become.

Pat Damico, MCI 

### Leigh West Has Hints for Leader Construction

I make my own leaders since it is fun and economical. I still use the easy leader formula Capt. Bill Miller taught me years ago:

~section length (ft.) 4 --- 3 --- 2 --- 1 --- fly

~breaking strength (#)30 --- 20 --- 10 --- ~20 --- fly

I use inexpensive Ande monofilament line for the 4/3/2" sections.

The one foot section is the bite tippet- usually 20 to 30# fluorocarbon for inshore species. Tie-able wire can be used instead, for mackerel, barracuda, etc. I would use 30-40# fluorocarbon if big snook are around.

I usually tie the 4'>3' sections together with a blood knot, and then tie in a perfection loop in the 30# end. I coil and store a few 4'>3' sections in a ziplock bag in my pack until I need one (rarely).

I tie the 2'>1' sections *at home* using a triple surgeon's knot to connect the softer Ande line to the stiff fluorocarbon. I coil and store them in small ziplock bags, labeled with both the class and bite tippet breaking strengths (a half dozen/bag). I keep the bag(s) in my shirt pocket for easy access while fishing. The reasons for going to this trouble are 1) wind knots are most common (and most difficult to remove) in the thin class tippet, 2) the bite tippet will often need to be changed after catching a ladyfish or snook and 3) the surgeon's knot is difficult to tie well under adverse conditions due to the line material property differences (between nylon and fluorocarbon, e.g.) and will be more likely to fail if not tied well. Therefore, I just cut out the old 2'>1' section and tie in a new 2'>1' section whenever I need to replace either the class tippet or the bite tippet section. I tie in a fresh 2'>1' section to the 3' section using a blood knot. It is much easier to tie a 4'>3' section to a 2'>1' section than to replace the whole leader on the water since the long length of the entire leader makes it harder to handle in the wind and more likely to tangle under any condition.


This leads to...

#### What I carry in my fishing shirt pockets

Ziplock bag containing a few 2'>1' leader sections (see above article)- 10# Ande > 20 or 30# fluorocarbon.

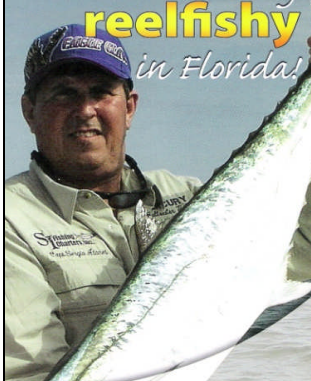
Nippers with wind knot needle tool, tied to a whistle

Lens cleaners (from CVS drug store, individually wrapped. Cut the corners off the package, otherwise they poke through the shirt and are annoying)

A few flies that I know I will most likely use, in a small plastic ziplock bag, and Lip balm with UVP > 15 



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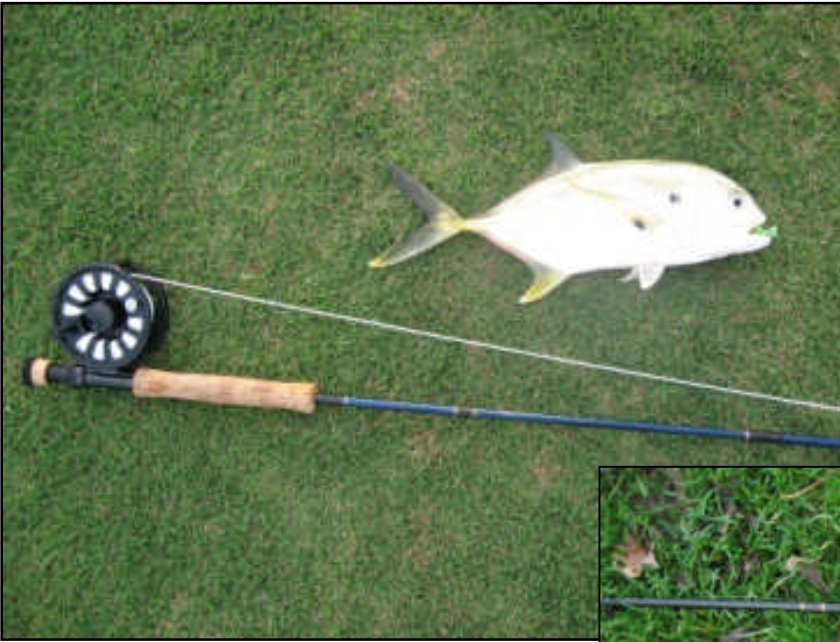
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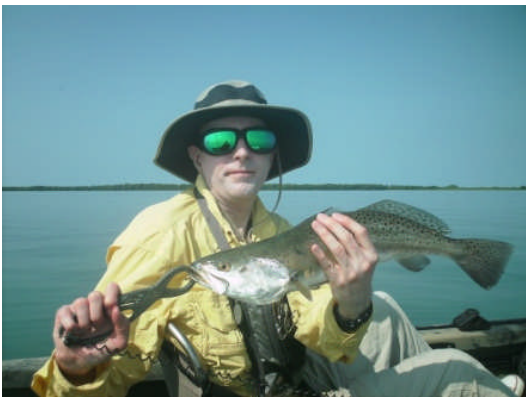
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## Member Photos, July 2011



## Saltwater, "Gatoraid", Freshwater

New Member **Andy Constantinou** sent these interesting photos from his archives. He plans to send current photos when he gets his fly rod unlimbered again soon.



Guide **Neil Taylor** took this picture Of **Jeff Venator** and his 21" trout caught during a June 12 Kayaking trip.



These sturgeon holders are not TBFFC club members, but the photo illustrates how many less skilled fishermen it takes to land a fish slightly bigger than some of the tarpon landed by solo TBFFC members!

## **A CALL FOR ORAL HISTORIES OF FLY FISHING**

***Before some of our most memorable moments are lost, let's contribute to this program! If you have an input or suggestion for this program, please inform Dick Miekka as well as Jessica Bailey.***

My name is Jessica Bailey and I am the Project Manager for Voices from the Fisheries. While doing on line research, I found the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club website. I am writing today to introduce our project to you and to inquire if you know of any oral history projects related to recreational fishing in your area.

To begin, the Voices from the Fisheries Project (<http://voices.nmfs.noaa.gov/index.html>) provides a central repository for oral history interviews from around the country which document the knowledge, perspectives, values, cultures, histories, and experiences of people engaged in commercial, recreational, and subsistence fishing and related activities in our Nation's marine waters and the Great Lakes, and those of our territories. Project partners include the Working Waterfront Festival, MIT Sea Grant, Rutgers University, Long Island Traditions, and Commercial Fishermen of America. The project is funded through a combination of NOAA's Fishery Service and NOAA Preserve America Initiative funds.

The purpose of this project is to consolidate existing collections and encourage the creation of new oral histories from around the country. Oral histories are a powerful way to document the human experience. When archived separately, the ability of these interviews to be viewed as part of a collective history is compromised. Donating a copy of interviews to the database ensures the accessibility and availability of these collections to residents of coastal communities, researchers, students, and the general public for years to come.

In addition, the repository provides collection holders with an additional site to archive their important work. Many collection holders do not have the resources to provide public access to their collections if they choose to do so. Voices from the Fisheries allows these collections to be made available. There are many ways in which a collection owner can

participate in the VFF Project. Please take a few minutes to look at our web site; it provides more information about the project.

If you know of any oral history projects from your region, I would welcome any leads. Please feel free to forward this information on to anyone you believe may be interested in the project. I look forward to your reply.

With kindest regards,  
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### **RANDOM THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history (or other things) if you die.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.

## Beach Snook Fishing

By LeighWest

There are a few snook around on Casey Key this time of year. If you've never caught a snook on fly or sight fished, this is a great spot to go.



From Tampa, just hop on I-75,

drive south and get off on the Venice/Nokomis exit. Head south on US41 to Albee Rd W (follow the sign for Casey Key), drive west and park just over the bridge at Nokomis Beach. (Note: If not going to Casey Key, just pick a Florida gulf coast beach, from Sanibel/Captiva Islands all the way up to Honeymoon Island- the same techniques below will apply...).

Pick a summer day with a clear sky and a light easterly morning breeze. These conditions are the norm in the summer. There is no need to get there earlier than 8 a.m. because you won't be able to see fish in the lower light conditions. Don't bother going after 1-2 p.m. as the sea breeze and clouds will often make fishing impossible.

Walk north along Casey Key/Nokomis Beach (I usually do 1-2 miles one way, but much longer/shorter trips are possible) and look for the fish right along the shore. Cast a small Clouser minnow or needlefish pattern (size 4 hook) on a ~7 weight rod lined with either a floating or clear sink tip fly line. Use the latter if there is any surf. A stripping basket helps. Watch your back cast and avoid fishing in areas with any swimmers or beachcombers around. Use 20-30 pound test fluorocarbon bite tippet. Most of the fish will be small. Bring some forceps as the fish have deep mouths.

Don't expect a banner day every time- a good day might be 2-4 fish. It's not about numbers for this type of fishing but the fish are fun and it's a great way to improve one's fishing skills in advance of a bonefish trip, for example.

Be sure to wear a hat, polarized glasses and comfortable shoes with good support- It's tough walking in loose sand. Wear light, cool, comfortable clothing and protect yourself from the sun. Be sure to drink PLENTY of water during your drive down and just before your start, and bring a bottle of something in your pack (trust me- you will need it). There is a water fountain at the parking area, shower/foot wash and bathroom, but there are absolutely no facilities and nowhere to get water up north on the

beach, and nowhere to get off the beach without trespassing.

Flying Fish Outfitters, located on Albee Rd just east of Nokomis Beach, carries a nice selection of beach snook flies, plus they can provide you with current fishing reports and conditions. 🌅

### MORE RANDOM THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.

13. "Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means I will never wash this -- ever.

14. I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Damn it!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voicemail. What'd you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?

15. I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.

16. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

17. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.

18. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Lites than Kay.

19. Ignorance seeks refuge in polysyllables

## FLY OF THE MONTH

### #6 JJ Popper

As Tied by Jeff Janecek



### Materials

**Hook:** #6 hump back hook  
**Tail:** Combination of fine flash, crystal chenille, and small feathers (see text and photo)  
**Body:** #6 popper body, Testor's paint  
**Eyes:** Stick-on or painted eyes  
**Legs:** medium rubber centipede legs in chartreuse/black  
**Thread:** flat waxed nylon  
**Glue:** Fletching cement

### Tying Instructions

1. A hook and body popper kit (for 10 flies) can be found at the Bass Pro Shop. Glue the body to the hook with fletching glue.
2. When dry, use a very small drill bit to make two holes on each side that criss-cross. Make sure the holes are high enough to clear the hump in the hook. I use a tool that looks like an Exacto knife, to hold the drill bit.
3. Paint the body. I use black, green, or yellow with black dots.
4. Attach stick-on eyes or paint them using Testors paint from A.O.E. or Wal-Mart. Use a small drill bit end for dots and pupils, and a larger one for the white around the eye.
5. Attach and wrap thread, stopping at the hook bend.
6. Tie on a 3/4" long tail of thin flash.
7. Apply glue on remaining thread. Wrap chenille or palmer a hackle on the remaining shank.
8. Tie on two 2 inch long diagonal feathers, for wings. Palmer one more hackle, just behind popper head.
9. Whip finish.
10. Use bobbin threader to pull medium centipede legs through. This size can handle 4 legs on each side.

When fishing this popper, retrieves vary at different times. I start with a big push of water to make a circle, slight pause, and then continue right up to the rod end. Any questions just ask at next meeting 🍷

## Fishing Report and Forecast

*"What a great time to go fishing!"*

The first report received this month was from **Denise Bruner**. She informed me that snapper and jacks were biting her flies at an unknown location.

**Sam Bower** from Nova Scotia told me he was catching nice small mouth bass at his camp.

**David Mullins** caught mackerel by casting his flies in school of bait.

**Capt John Hand** fishing with **Dr Ben Estey** in the back country of big pine key had to be satisfied with a few nice bones.

**John** and **Joan Willis**, still moving around in the Great Smoky Mountains, did well using size 14 Adams parachute with a lot of yellow. Joan also caught a 9 in. brookie. John wanted all of us to know that the weather was a cool 73 degrees.

**Neil Taylor** the kayak guide sent me a picture of a 21" trout caught with a white/olive clouser by **Jeff Venator**.

**Leigh West** had a good snook fishing trip a few weeks ago. He caught 5 snook and 3 pompano all sight fished. A stray flounder was also surprised, and all were caught on tan/white clouser.

**Craig Smothers** went on an outing with the Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers. They fished Point of Rocks on Siesta Key. A lot of trash fish were caught but he told me he saw a large number of big snookcruising the area.

**David Mullins** is at it again catching nice size large mouth bass out of Alligator Lake.

Members of your board of directors went out with **Robert Fischer** on a grunt run. Along with Robert were, **Neil Sperling**, **Dick Miekka** and **Alligator Bob Young**. In a manner of a couple of hours they caught 50 or 60 grunts. They then called it a day and went for breakfast at Bob Evans. Then the work of cleaning all those fish had to be addressed. As a side note Neil brought his new 9wt TFO rod and with heavy flies managed to also catch grunts and sea bass. This catch will be consumed at the July meeting.

Thanks guys.

Tight Lines,  
 Bob Gaulin

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### 2011 member application

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Please Check:  One Year  Five Year

Please list names you wish to include in family membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rel: \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual Dues: **\$25.00 Individual Membership**

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(includes one membership and Ad Space)

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