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Membership Application

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 04, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Invited Speaker

Greg Stepanski

Greg grew up outside of Cleveland, Ohio reading Outdoor Life magazine and enjoying the outdoors through scouting, even becoming an Eagle Scout. He went to the University of Notre Dame and majored in Biology, then went to Ohio State to get his DDS degree and CWRU for pediatrics. After practicing for several years in Ohio, Greg and wife Sue moved to Florida in '91. They have three children, all of whom are avid fishers. Greg started fly fishing when he was given a \$70 6-7 wt fly rod and reel, then became hooked when he proceeded to catch four 30+ inchers while fishing a school of reds. After fifteen years and a term as TBFFC president, he still has never repeated this feat. Although busy, Greg tries to fish for bass at least once a week in the lake behind his house.

His presentation is about his "bucket list" trip, with four city slickers going to some of the roughest and most beautiful areas of western Wyoming to hunt Elk and Black Bear and to fish for giant Brown Trout.

Featured Fly Tyer

Walt Durkin

Walt Durkin grew up in West Palm Beach and has fished on and off all his life, including through a 24-year Army career. He returned to Tampa Bay in 1998 where he enjoys fly fishing and the TBFFC. He is a former club president and is currently a member of the TBFFC board of Directors and club co-president.

A man of many talents, Walt has built his own fly rods, fished extensively in both fresh and salt waters worldwide, organized club trips, and tied flies with his own personal flair. This time he will tie "Walt's Wobbling Minnow," his new spoon fly that caught a nice snook on his first try!

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES—USE FORM ON WEBSITE OR PG 9

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JANUARY 2012 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all members!

Those of you who attended our December meeting got new ideas for fly tying, plenty of great things to eat, and wonderful camaraderie. If you walked away with a new fly, fly pattern, or fly tying technique, please thank our designated fly tyers, **Jeff Janecek**, **Greg Peterson**, and **Smitty**, along with the tyathon organizer, **Pat Damico**. Thanks also to members who made the numerous donations of holiday food that helped make this event a great success.

Speaking of successes, the annual "Play Hooky" fishing event was well attended and the fish catching was surprisingly successful. Thanks to **Bryon Chamberlin** for arranging the event and to **Bob Gaulin** and **Ted Hagaman** for supplying the lunch. See Page 7 for photos of this historic outing.

The December 17 Don Coleman memorial outing at DeSoto Park was very popular with the Suncoast (sponsoring club) and Mangrove clubs, but was not very heavily populated by TBFFC members. Again, the fish catching was very successful.

Be sure to attend our January meeting to hear a lively talk by former club president **Greg Stepanski**, and to find out how **Walt Durkin** ties his new Wobbling Minnow spoon fly.

Tight Lines, Dick Miekka 🦎

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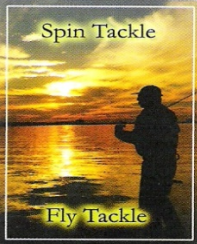
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2010 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for 2012; January 4, February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4?, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5. **Please watch this space for any changes.**

FUTURE CLUB OUTINGS AND EVENTS

1. Annual Shad outing on St. John River - 2012

FLY DIVISION @ 2012 CAPT MEL CLASSIC

The tournament date is March 10, 2012. We would love to have your fly fishing friends involved with the event. As it was with the inaugural tournament, it will benefit charity. It was a great event, especially for those who have never been in a competition before. It is all amateur for a level playing field. 157 people participated last year, a number we expect to rise substantially for this next event.

The format for the fly division will be the same as the other divisions. Longest redfish. Longest trout. Grand prize is longest combined inches for one trout and one redfish. There will be a "bonus species" buy in. The entry fee will be \$40. The optional species buy-in (flounder) is \$5. For each division the longest flounder takes that pool money for the entire division (no 2nd or 3rd place).

The fly division will be a little different than the rest of the participants. Everyone in the tournament will get a t-shirt this year. There will be other perks like a meal provided. For the fishing supplies, the fly contestants will get four total flies supplied to them for use in the competition. Three designs and four total. No one will know what those three patterns will be until they pick up their Angler Bag at the March 9 check-in.

.All the info is posted to www.capmel.com

FLATS BOAT FOR SALE

Jeff Abeles is selling his flats boat. It has not been used in 3 or 4 years and needs some TLC. Here are the specs: Key West hull with a 70hp Mercury engine. The boat has a trolling motor. It needs batteries and I'm sure the engine needs a tuneup. Trailer included. \$1000 as is.

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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. 43

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 26

Line control is essential to making a good cast, but does not end there. After the cast, when the fly lands in the water in a straight line with the rod, feathering the line thru a circle made with your thumb and index finger and finally pinching it achieves immediate control. When using a weighted fly and/or sinking tip line how soon you start your retrieve will control the fly's depth. Starting an immediate retrieve will move the fly below the surface. Slowing the retrieve will have the fly deeper. When casting to shallow water and finishing your retrieve in deeper water this is how presentation is controlled and how fish are caught.

Pat Damico, MCI 🦁

Clean Haze and Scratches off of Your Car Headlights, Boat Windshield, and even Your Watch Crystal.

After years of outdoor exposure, most car headlamp covers become hazy, causing loss of brightness and focus. This is particularly true of recent models where the headlamps are no longer "sealed beam" glass reflector bulbs, but rather small replaceable bulbs with plastic covers. Plexiglas boat windshields are also susceptible to hazing over. Plastic watch crystals may not only become hazy (especially if you touched a little insect repellent on them), but also can be scratched. Many other items with plastic windows (e.g., the pressure gauge on your pool filter) can be similarly affected.

Here is a simple inexpensive fix for all of these annoyances. It does require a bit of elbow grease, but that should help strengthen your casting muscles.

Go to your local hardware store and purchase a can of Brasso, a formula designed to shine up copper and brass. Brasso is a liquid/paste that contains a mild abrasive that just happens to work well on plastics as well as on soft metals. Apply Brasso to the hazy/scratched plastic surface according to the instructions, let dry or partially dry, then rub with a soft cloth. It may take more than one application, but you should be able to get your item looking like new again.

I know that service garages charge up to \$100 to clean up your headlights, so this could save enough moolah so you can buy a new fly line!

Dick Miekka 🦁



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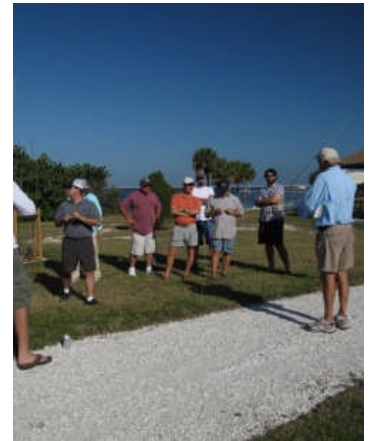
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Member Photos, January 2012



More Pictures from the November Big Gun Shootout

(photos by Denise Bruner)

Member Photos, Continued



Our "Play Hooky" outing at Cockroach Bay on Dec. 9, 2011 included great fishing and great food. Apparently there was more of the latter than the former!

. Fly Fishing Thoughts for the New Year

Fishing is a... discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish. ~Herbert Hoover

Last year I went fishing with Salvador Dali. He was using a dotted line. He caught every other fish. ~Steven Wright

Calling fishing a hobby is like calling brain surgery a job. ~Paul Schullery

As the evening sky faded from a salmon color to a sort of flint gray, I thought back to the salmon I caught that morning, and how gray he was, and how I named him Flint. ~Jack Handey

...of all the liars among mankind, the fisherman is the most trustworthy. ~William Sherwood Fox, *Silken Lines and Silver Hooks*, 1954

...trout that doesn't think two jumps and several runs ahead of the average fisherman is mighty apt to get fried. ~Beatrice Cook, *Till Fish Do Us Part*, 1949

Give a man a fish, and he can eat for a day. But teach a man how to fish, and he'll be dead of mercury poisoning inside of three years. ~Charles Haas

I am not against golf, since I cannot but suspect it keeps armies of the unworthy from discovering trout... ~Paul O'Neil

Even if you've been fishing for three hours and haven't gotten anything except poison ivy and sunburn, you're still better off than the worm. ~Author Unknown

Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn. ~Chuck Clark

Fishing tournaments seem a little like playing tennis with living balls... ~Jim Harrison, *Just Before Dark*, 1991

There's no taking trout with dry breeches. ~Miguel de Cervantes

Reading about baseball is a lot more interesting than reading about chess, but you have to wonder: Don't any of these guys ever go fishing? ~Dave Shiflett, quoted in *Houston Chronicle*, 29 April 1990

There is no greater fan of fly fishing than the worm. ~Patrick F. McManus, *Never Sniff a Gift Fish*, 1979

People who fish for food, and sport be damned, are called pot-fishermen. The more expert ones are called crack pot-fishermen. All other fishermen are called crackpot

fishermen. This is confusing. ~Ed Zern, 1947

Enjoy thy stream, O harmless fish;
And when an angler for his dish,
Through gluttony's vile sin,
Attempts, the wretch, to pull thee out,
God give thee strength, O gentle trout,
To pull the rascal in!
~John Wolcot

Our tradition is that of the first man who sneaked away to the creek when the tribe did not really need fish. ~Roderick Haig-Brown, about modern fishing, *A River Never Sleeps*, 1946

Even eminent chartered accountants are known, in their capacity as fishermen, blissfully to ignore differences between seven and ten inches, half a pound and two pounds, three fish and a dozen fish. ~William Sherwood Fox, *Silken Lines and Silver Hooks*, 1954

Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers. ~Herbert Hoover

Good things come to those who bait. ~Author Unknown

"Carpe Diem" does not mean "fish of the day." ~Author Unknown

Gone fishin', be back at dark-thirty! ~Author Unknown

You must lose a fly to catch a trout. ~George Herbert

If you've got short, stubby fingers and wear reading glasses, any relaxation you would normally derive from fly fishing is completely eliminated when you try to tie on a fly. ~Jack Ohman, *Fear of Fly Fishing*, 1988

. Give a man a fish, and you'll feed him for a day; give him a religion, and he'll starve to death while praying for a fish. ~Author Unknown

Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught. ~Author Unknown

My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it. ~Koos Brandt

Scholars have long known that fishing eventually turns men into philosophers. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to buy decent tackle on a philosopher's salary. ~Patrick F. McManus

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