

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Invited Speaker

Nick Colantonio

After a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy and a 34-year carrier in chemical engineering, Nick retired in 2001 to pursue snook, trout and redfish on the flats of west central Florida. He joined the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club in 1995, shortly after taking up the sport. In 2004, the Club presented him with a plaque in recognition of his contributions to the organization. Nick is quick to point out: "My contributions had more to do with cooking than with fishing".

Nick will describe "Six Years of Goodnews" on the Goodnews River - a three branch river system in western Alaska that holds salmon, trout, char and grayling. The salmon and Dolly Varden are fresh out of the Bering Sea. He will talk about the only lodge on the river, its culture, and the characters he has encountered in six trips to the river. Three of the trips were with other club members.

Each year Nick sets aside a second week for touring, and he will describe memorable sights within easy reach of Anchorage.

Club member Nanette O'Hara has dubbed Nick 'the Comatose Angler', and this moniker found resonance on the Goodnews. Come listen to a fisherman described by the Goodnews lodge owner as "a legend—at least in his own mind".

Featured Fly Tier Jeff Janecek

Jeff will share a simple clouser pattern. He will use size 6 or 4 standard shank hooks, medium eyes, ice chenille on the bottom then three colors on top. He prefers marabou over other materials as it is somewhat hardy and moves freely in the water. Length is around three inches.

To fish the pattern, Jeff likes to use a 40lb fluorocarbon leader with either a floating or sinking line on his 8wt T.F Axiom fly rod. This pattern was used recently to catch a 25 inch sea trout in Ruskin.

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

SEPTEMBER 2012 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Fly Fishers,

Welcome to September and the end of the dog days of August. September will usher in cooler water and happier fish - we hope.

Thanks to **Robert Fischer** for his memorable presentation on catching just about every species of fish just about everywhere on just about every weight of fly rod. Shows you can breathe new life into routine sport with a little imagination.

Thanks also to Smitty for tying one of Robert's favorite flies, the Golden eye Shrimp. Directions can be found later in this newsletter.

I had some luck wade-fishing the MacDill flats last week, catching five reds, two flounder, two jacks and several trout with Ted Hageman. Also found fish on the Legion flats with moving water early in the day.

Hope everyone had a safe summer and avoided the thunder storms.

Please check the newsletter for interesting items and our publisher - Dick Miekka - welcomes ideas and articles. We could also use help with identifying speakers, so keep your eyes and ears open.

Take care and tight lines. //Walt







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TBFFC EVENTS

2012 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for 2012; September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5. Please watch this space for any changes.



FRANK RHODES OVERFLOW MEXICO TRIP

Frank Rhodes. Frank is planning a second trip to Costa de Cocos in Xcalak, Mexico since the first one sold out. The dates for the second trip are Oct. 20-27. Anglers will have many opportunities to cast to permit, bonefish, with some smaller tarpon to complete a slam for some lucky angler. Big snook are also available in the backcountry waters of Chetumal Bay. The new special rate now is \$1985 for double occupancy and two anglers (6 days' fishing/7 nights) plus your flight into Cancun, Mexico (around \$500). So if you and a friend are interested, now is the time to book the trip. Contact Capt. Frank Rhodes for questions and more information at (863) 604-6505 or via email at captfranksnookon@tampabay.rr.com What's not to like?



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TIPS FOR TBFFC - No. 50

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 33

Modifying fly rod Length

When selecting a fly rod for a specific need, a longer length is usually an advantage. Many of us fish freshwater situations and a few saltwater instances when a smaller rod would be more appropriate, usually because of casting space. Next time you have a long rod and wish you had one shorter, place your casting hand further up on the butt section moving your grip toward the first stripping guide. Practice casting off to the side or horizontally while holding the rod this way. As you "shorten the rod" your line hand may be needed to support the reel. Be versatile!

Pat Damico, MCI 🗪

Try this Recipe Next Time You Cook Salmon

A neighbor gave me this salmon recipe and it is a keeper.

Ingredients: Salmon fillets

Garlic and Herb Cheese Spread

Chopped spinach -- thaw frozen spinach and press in

strainer to remove excess moisture

Refrigerated crescent roll dough -- Pillsbury Butter

Flake

Preparation: Preheat oven to 400 deg F

Place fillets in a greased baking dish

Salt and pepper lightly

Mix cheese spread and spinach -- approximately

equal amounts

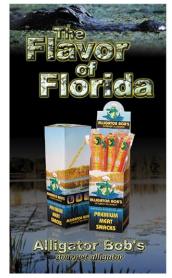
Layer cheese/spinach mixture on the salmon

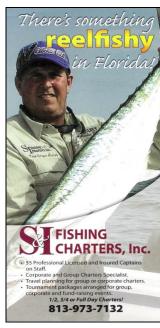
Roll the crescent dough flat

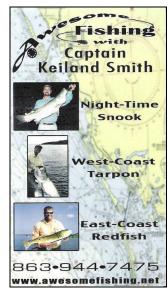
Cover each spinach/cheese/fillet with the dough

Bake at 400 deg for 20 minutes









Member Photos, September 2012

Our September Speaker, **Nick Colantonio**, sent along the photos in this page just to give you a little taste of fishing humor in Alaska. We'll have a few more photos from his trip in next month's newsletter.



Statue of Les Andersen with his 97 pound King salmon and Nick Colantonio with his 9.7 pound Rainbow. Does art imitate life or visa-versa?



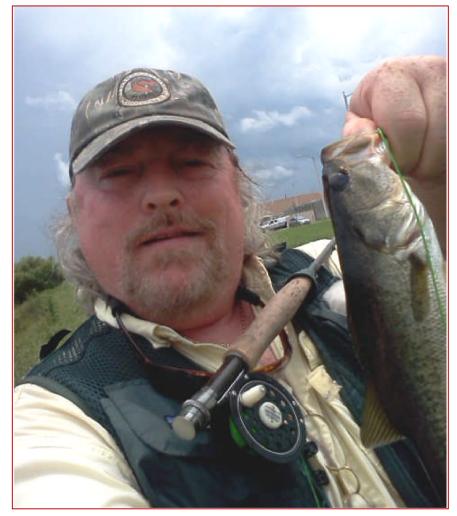
Above Left: The guide's dog Chip along for the ride. When wading Chip located his own pools to hunt salmon. Above Right: When the boat is sponsored by Jim Beam, the ride to take-out is just that much nicer.



25" TROUT BY JEFF JANECEK
Jeff caught this beauty south of
Simms Park on a
chartreuse/orange/pink clouser
with tri-color green ice chenille. He
will show us how to tie this fly at
our September meeting. Be sure to
come early to get a seat at his
table.

Capt. Rick Bertram

Caught Wed, 7/18/12 a couple small Lg. mouth bass on his 58th. b-day fly fishing in a small pond that he found in the middle of an industrial park. This place holds a bunch of fish. And this time a big one broke him off. He'll bring a heavier rod'n line next time.



My Quest Becomes a Reality By Jack Hexter

I had been a fresh water fisherman since about the age of 3 when my Dad and Pop pop taught me how to fish for sunfish, bass and catfish in the creek next to my Pop pop's summer cottage. When I moved to Miami in 1972, I wanted to catch a sailfish, a tarpon and a 10 pound bass. I started to fish the everglades canals and several headboats around Miami. In 1974, I caught the saltwater fishing bug real hard and joined the Miami Sportfishing Club. I learned many, many techniques and the art of sport fishing came to life in my mind. participating in the While competitions, I became proficient in light tackle angling, using spin, plug and fly rods, and many aspects of fishing for larger game using kites and trolling. Over the course of several years, I won division within the Club specifications, and lacked only a blue marlin to complete my endeavor of being designated a "Supreme Angler," the highest anglers badge awarded by the club. Thus started my quest for a blue marlin.

Thru this quest, I met and fished with Lenny and Marsha Bierman, who started and developed the stand-up technique for fighting big fish without the use of a fighting chair. I met and over the course of ten or so years, fished regularly with Capt Sam Casey, a marlin Captain who maintained a private boat in Key West and Marathon, who taught me how to troll lures with heavy tackle and use tag lines. I cannot recall the number of days we spent on Woods Wall, the Ups and Downs and Humps in these areas. I also fished Bimini regularly, as well as other areas of the Bahamas. Walkers Cay, Chub Cay and the nearby "Pocket," Spanish Wells, Andros Island, Long Island, and Cat Cay were all areas of my quest. During these many years, I, or I should say we, as I learned, marlin fishing is a team event, raised several marlin and even hooked one or two, but never got good hard bite or hook-up.

I got so frustrated, I claimed I would settle for any specie of marlin, blue, black, white or Stripped, it didn't matter. I was even known to say I would take one even if it involved the use of hand grenades, as long as one came to the boat! I started a long range quest, but was limited by my budget. I managed trips to hot spots like Costa Rica, Cabo San Lucas and East Cape, Mexico, all with no luck.

During these many years, my son Corey, caught the fishing bug from me and even he caught a blue marlin. Through the Dade County Youth Fair and Exposition, he had won a trip with George Poveromo. We went sailfishing with George and while drifting along, a spinning rod went off. I looked out and saw a black shape where the bait had been, picked up the rod and handed it to my son, saying, "Here Corey, catch this sailfish." He closed the bail, the line came tight and a 200# blue erupted from the sea. I guess due to the light 20# line, the fish didn't realize it was hooked and staved on the surface. I cleared the other rods while George followed the fish with Corey in the bow. Once the lines were cleared, George put on some gloves and I took over the helm. We ran the boat up to the fish and George grabbed the leader. Caught fish!

Well Corey grew up and became a boat captain, and I moved out of the South Florida area with it's easy access to marlin territory, to the Tampa area where marlin are a long way out in the Gulf, too far a run for my 23' open fisherman.

Then one day in late July, Corey called and said, "Hey Dad. Can you meet me in San Juan and help bring the boat back to Jupiter. We might just find you a marlin while in route." He had spent the summer fishing in the British Virgin Islands and was bringing the boat home. I quickly found a flight to Puerto Rico and met him and his 65' Jim Smith sportfisher at Club Nautico de San Juan, where I was introduced to the rest of the team, mates Scotty and Carson. Over the previous weeks I had been reading online posts from another friend, Kitt Toomy and his Captain, Quinton Dieterle and a hot marlin bite off of Cap Cana, Dominican Republic they were experiencing. Knowing we had to travel past this area to get from San Juan to Jupiter, I obtained some GPS positions from Kitt and told Corey about them. He too had been getting reports from this area and decided this was where we would spend the first day fishing.

We left San Juan at 7:30 am and arrived in the area at 11:30 and put the lines out. We were trolling two baited lines on the long outriggers and 4 teasers. Corey and Scotty explained we would use the teaser lines for a bait and switch technique which I had heard and read about, but never used. Scotty had me practice the release several times, holding the rod perpendicular to the line of travel and dropping the line and swinging the rod back to give the fish plenty of free spooled line, then coming tight and slowly raising the rod, not jerking, as we were using circle hooks.

Suddenly, Corey shouted from the bridge, "Short Left." I picked up the "pitch rod" and got the bait in the correct position while Scotty pulled the teaser closer. As he jerked the teaser out of the way, we all saw the fish, come out of the water with it's head and shoulders and jump all over my bait as I free spooled line off the reel. I'm told I exclaimed "Holy S***" as the fish hit, but truly do not recall this utterance. After about a count of 5 or so, I brought the lever to the strike position and the 200# fish quickly ran off 250 yards of line against the 15 pounds of drag set on the stand-up tackle. It circled left and jumped clear of the water, doing a summersault, and then thrashed about the surface for a minute. She then dove as I was reeling in the slack created by her trip down and back under the boat, but stopped short and was easily pumped back up. The one scary part of the fight was toward the end, there was about 15 feet of line covered with grass, adding a lot more stress on the line than I wanted, but the wind on leader soon appeared on the boat side of the grass where Carson grabbed it. Caught Fish!!!! A 38 year quest had come to an end. The best part of it, at least to me, was it was concluded with my son driving the boat as it ended. He was off the bridge and hugging and high-fiving me before the fish was leadered up.

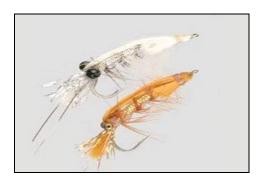
P.S. Remember when I moved to South Florida I wanted to catch a sailfish, tarpon and a 10 pound bass. Well I found the sails and tarpon easy, but have yet to get the 10 pound bass.

JACK HEXTER 8/21/12

FLY OF THE MONTH

Golden Eye Shrimp

As Tied by Layne "Smitty" Smith



Materials:

Hook: Mustad 34011 (saltwater) in sizes 2-6

Thread: Beige (or white) Monocord #340 or Flat Waxed Nylon

Antennae: Peccary bristles or Moose Mane

Eyes: Medium gold (or black) bead chain (1/8 inch)

Head/Face: #15B Nugget Gold (or Polar Bear White) Fish Hair **Body:** Gold (or Silver) Mylar tubing / Over-wrapped with clear

V-Rib (large)

Legs: Brown (or white) saddle hackle

Carapace/Tail: #15B Nugget Gold (or White) Fish Hair **Overcoat:** Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails and Softex

Tying Instructions: (by Jim Orthwein)

- 1. Pre-bend hook down at both ends and then open hook gap slightly
- 2. Lay down a base wrap of thread from hook eye to bend of hook.
- 3. Separate a small (matchstick) bunch of Fish Hair from bundle with a pair of pliers-- leave the small welded section attached
- 4. Tie in loose ends of Fish Hair allowing about 3/8 of an inch extend beyond bend of hook (mouth parts)... DO NOT CUT at this time.
- 5. Tie in two peccary bristles (one each side) for antennae.
- 6. Fold Fish Hair hank back toward bend and secure with material clip.
- 7. Measure and cut mylar tubing hook length allowing a frayed section to extend about half the distance of mouth portion of Fish Hair. Slide over hook shank and tie down at hook bend.
- 8. Tie in bead chain eyes with figure of eight wraps and glue.
- 9. Cut fluff off saddle hackle and discard. Tie in V-Rib on underside of hook behind bead chain. Tie in hackle by butt end (not tip) at same tie in point as V-Rib.
- 10. Bring thread to end of hook in w-i-d-e open wraps (about 3 wraps). Overwrap with V-Rib to hook eye and tie off and trim excess and then palmer hackle feather in open wraps (about every second rib) allowing stem to fall in between rib sections. Tie off and trim excess. Trim hackle off top and sides leaving bottom to represent legs.
- 11. At this time retrieve Fish Hair and twist into tight rope and lay down on top of V-Rib for carapace and tie off at hook eye.
- 12. Allow Fish Hair to unwind and then pull back toward hook bend over-wrapping with thread ON SIDE OF HOOK about 5 or 6 wraps. Pull remaining material toward you (90 degree angle to hook) and make 3 or 4 wraps in front to make material stick out at 45 degrees facing hook bend. Cut leaving about 1 inch piece for tail.
- 13. Coat twisted Fish Hair carapace and Tail with liberal amounts of Hard as Nails.
- 14. Flatten tail between thumb and finger and blow on it till the Hard as Nails sets in a flap shape that is a 45 degree angle to hook shank. Overcoat with Softex for durability.
- 15 When completely dry, trim tail flap to about 3/8 of an inch.

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"

SEPTEMBER 2012

Here are the brave fly fisher people that dared the weather for late July and August.

First, here is a report from **Neil Taylor** the kayak guy. **Steve Hearn** had his personal best on fly, with a glut of trout and a ladyfish. He used clousers and deceivers.

Walt Durkin and Ted Hagaman fished the Legion flat and both got slams of trout, snook and redfish. They caught them on a high incoming tide using spinning gear and top water and plastics. They did catch some nice trout on fly at Weedon Island. Water was clear but a lot of grass. They also got back from a somewhat grueling canoe and back packing trip to the Minnesota Boundary Water with their wives (Lou and Kathy). They caught almost 200 small mouth bass mostly on top with fly rods. Ted's Keystone gurgler was the top fly.

Greg Peterson, while fishing for tarpon (of course) came across sharks while fishing with **Nick Angelo**. They hooked bulls, lemons and a spinner on the same fly they were using on tarpon. (Wow).

Nick Colantonio fished with **Linda Martuch** in the Goodnews River in Alaska and caught a variety of salmon. Highlights of the week included Linda's 27" Dolly Varden and her completion of the Pacific Salmon Grand Slam. The Grand Slam was done using the same fly in one hole in 1 hour and 30 minutes. Later in the week Nick floated the Kenai River with guide **Dennis Randa**. The catch was Dolly's and Rainbows with the largest Rainbow at 25 1/2" with a girth of 12".

Capt Rick Grassett reports some action on fly with clients catching trout and snook on ultra hair clousers. Had a few hook ups on tarpon.

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