

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Invited Speakers

Walt Durkin and Ted HAGAMAN

Ted and Walt will present a slide show of their trip to the Boundary Waters of Minnesota last August. They got their gear and food from Clearwater Lodge and Outfitters and traveled by canoe and portage for seven days while camping and fishing with their wives.

The Boundary Waters — also called the Quetico-Superior country — is a region of wilderness straddling the Canada-United States border between Ontario and Minnesota, in the region just west of Lake Superior. This region is part of the Superior National Forest in northeastern Minnesota, and in Canada it includes La Verendrye and Quetico Provincial Parks in Ontario. Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota may also be considered part of the Boundary Waters. The name "Boundary Waters" is often used in the U.S. to refer specifically to the U.S. Wilderness Area protecting its southern extent, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

The Boundary Waters region is characterized by a vast network of waterways and bogs within a glacially-carved landscape of Precambrian bedrock covered in thin soils and boreal forests. The Boundary Waters is a popular destination for recreationalists pursuing camping, canoeing, fishing, as well as for those simply looking for natural scenery and relaxation. The area is one of several distinct regions of Minnesota.

Featured Fly Tier Ted Hagaman

Ted is a long-time member of TBFFC and one of its most accomplished fishermen as well as an inventive fly tier. Among other accomplishments at the vise, he is the originator of the "mystery fly" that was so successful at catching largemouth bass during the 2008 outing at John Millns' Camp. He will tie that fly, his gurgler/popper, as well as another "surefire" fly that worked well on the Minnesota trip.

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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,

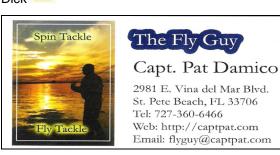
October is the start of a very busy season for TBFFC. Be sure to participate in the Carl Hanson competition for **two trophies** (most fish and biggest fish) against the Suncoast Fly Fishers on the Hillsboro River on October 20, and start practicing your distance and accuracy casting for the Big Gun Shootout that TBFFC will sponsor at Picnic Island Park on November 4 this year. We will have signup sheets for both events at our October 3 meeting. Also, be sure to read up on all of the December club events that are listed on page 3 below.

Thanks to **Nick Colantonio** for succinctly summarizing his (and **Linda Martuch's**) Alaskan fishing adventures on the Goodnews River where he makes an annual pilgrimage to harass the various species of piscatorial genre residing therein. He even touched on some additional travels to the Kenai River as well. A recap of some of this travelogue is presented on page 7, below.

Thanks also to **Jeff Janecek** for tying his multi-color variation of a clouser minnow whose efficacy he proved by catching the very large seatrout pictured in last month's newsletter. Instructions for tying this concoction can be found on page 8.

Thanks also to organizer **Walt Durkin** and everybody who volunteered and showed up to help out at the Sportsman's Show held on September 22 and 23 at the Florida State Fairgrounds. We were a bit disorganized thanks to some last minute changes, but got through it OK.

Hope to see you at the October meeting





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The next meeting of the TBFFC Board of Directors will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 10. Location TBD.

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TBFFC EVENTS 2012 TBFFC MEETING DATES

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



OCTOBER "CARL HANSON" OUTING

When: Saturday October 20 2012, 7:00 am until Noon,

followed by lunch. **Where:** Hillsboro River

Includes: Great lunch at Rotary Park, Two beautiful

Trophies

Sign up: At the October club meeting

This annual outing gives us a chance to interact with our friendly rivals across the bay, and to compete for the Carl Hanson Trophy honors. TBFFC's **Jeff Janecek** currently holds both the trophy for the most fish, and the new Hanson portrait trophy for the biggest fish. Come help us keep both trophies!

It is necessary to have a boat, kayak, or canoe to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Hillsboro River, and to fish for the many pan fish and bass in the river.

For more info call Dick Miekka at 727-866-8682.



TBFFC BIG GUN SHOOTOUT NOV. 4

When: Sunday, November 4 2012, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00

p.m.

Where: Picnic Island Park, Exact location in the park to be determined (follow the signs).

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 is served.

Judging: Please plan help with setup and 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



NEW MEMBER NEEDS OUTFIT

Wanted: Used fly fishing rod and reel for novice fisherman **Hi!** My name is Matt and I just graduated from USF. I am looking for a used fly fishing rod and reel to practice casting. My email is scottz@ufl.edu and phone is **813-777-3391.** Thanks!



FUTURE EVENTS

- Play Hooky for the Holidays, December 7
- Don Coleman Memorial Joint Outing at Desoto Park, December 22
- Annual Overnight Shad Outing, January or February
- Casting Clinic, Time to be determined.

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.** 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 at captfranksnookon@tampabay.rr.com



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TIPS FOR TBFFC - No. 51

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 34

As a casting instructor, I frequently feel we learn more than our students. When a "light bulb goes on" in a students mind it is very gratifying. The advantage of having a capable staff and taking turns with each student unleashes some very interesting observations. One student said when he realized that he was casting with the tip of the rod and not the whole rod or the butt section his casting improved immediately. When practicing, concentrate on your rod tip keeping in mind that the line always follows the rod tip. If your loops are large, move the rod tip in a straight line path and loop size will narrow.

Pat Damico, MCI 🗪

Best Formulas for Removing Rusty Bolts

Some months ago, penetrating oils were compared by Mark Young in an issue of *The Starter* (Willis-Overland-Knight Registry). He based his comments on an article appearing in *Machinist's Workshop Magazine*.

Here are his data to answer "which one did the best job of removing a rusted bolt?" The results were measured by the pounds of torque required to loosen the bolt once treated.

 Dry, without oil, average torque pounds 	516
• With WD-40,	238
PB Blaster	214

• Liquid Wrench 127

• Kana Kroil 106

• 50-50 ATF*-acetone "home brew"** 53

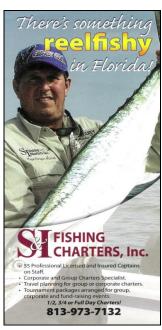
*ATF is automatic transmission fluid

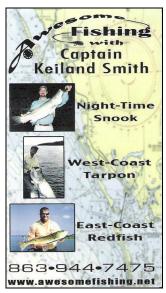
**Caution: the mixture is flammable and may be toxic to inhale

Looks like the best bet is to try whatever is handy, but if that doesn't work, try the "home brew."









Member Photos, October 2012



Pat Damico's son **Chris** (above at left) with one of many Cutthroat trout they caught on terrestrials in Yellowstone Park the last week of August using 3 and 4 wt rods. . They wore "bear bells" while fishing.



Steve Parker hefts one of many salmon caught while fishing in Kodiak with **Frank Rhodes**. Steve jokes how Frank mistakenly packed two right boots instead of a pair, proving the two "rights" sometimes make a wrong.









These four photos give just a sampling of the many adventures the **Hagaman-Durkin** foursome shared while camping and fishing in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota this summer. Come to the October club meeting for a full disclosure of the adventures and misadventures of the hardy group. (Is that really a 20 pound smallmouth?)

Member Photos, continued





Note from **Bill Kalbas**: Jackie and I just got back from an awesome trip fishing the Watauga River in east TN with Evan Dowdy (High Country Angler). Regards to all our friends in the TBFFC.

Note from **Andy Constantinou:** The trout fishing was good despite the weather (storm passing over Latimer, England). I hope all is well in USA.





Who has the biggest fish? Who cares? Above are two more photos taken from the August travels to the Goodnews River that were so succinctly described by **Nick Colantonio** during our September TBFFC meeting. It is evident from the pictures that neither Nick (above left) nor **Linda Martuch** (above right) had the strength to hold up their own big fish after the energy each expended in epic battles to land the behemoths.

ALASKA FISHING 2012

By Nick Colantonio

GOODNEWS RIVER

Linda Martuch and Nick Colantonio fished the Goodnews River in western Alaska in early August. This was Nick's sixth trip to the Goodnews River Lodge. For Linda, it is easily twice that many returns. Why do they keep going back? ...It is always Tight Lines (literally) and Dry Waders (literally) at Goodnews.

Linda completed her second Pacific Salmon Grand Slam – defined as landing all five varieties of Pacific Salmon in one day. This feat is difficult on some rivers and impossible on many. Linda's Slam came in breathtaking fashion. She caught the five species on 1 fly in one hole on the river in 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Her first fish was a large King salmon, fresh from the sea and arriving after the main King run. Next came the Pink salmon. Pinks only return on even-numbered years, but when they do the river is silly with them. Then another big fish hit. Not until it was close to the boat did we recognize the Sockeye salmon. Landing that fish was the key to the Slam. Sockeye do not eat once they enter the river and must be provoked into striking. This is typically the hardest salmon to get to eat the fly. Linda's fish was a green-headed, red-bodied male with a kype and he must have been spoiling for a fight. Once the Sockeye was netted, the Slam was a given. Silver salmon were just beginning their run and one was quickly landed. That left only the Chum salmon. Like the Pinks, the number of Chum in the river is staggering. Soon one was at the net. Slam complete.

After enough salmon were caught for freezing for the trip home, it was time to target the Rainbow trout and Dolly Varden. These fish stage below salmon redds to feast on eggs. Once again this year trout and char did not disappoint. The largest was taken by Linda -- a 27" Dolly Varden (measured).

For the second time in six years Nick won the Comatose Angler Award at the camp's Final Night Follies. The award is presented in his honor. Club member Nannette O'Hara gave Nick this nom-de-pesche because of his agonizingly slow hook set (Hint: When you reel-up your line only to find that the point of the hook has broken-off, DO NOT ASK OUT LOUD "I wonder how long it's been like this" or you too will be designated a Comatose Angler.)

The Goodnews is a three branch river system with tidal flow below camp and innumerable braids, sloughs and feeder creeks above. With miles of water for guides to explore, and salmon, trout, char and grayling to target, it's always 'Tight Lines'; with the camp's drying room, it's always 'Dry Waders'.

FLOATING THE KENAI

Nick Colantonio and guide Dennis Randa floated two sections of the Kenai River near Skilak Lake. They targeted Rainbow trout and Dolly Varden. A number of trout and char were caught, but the catch-of-the-day was a 9 ¾ pound rainbow trout (25 ½" by 12" girth). The trout was caught on a weighted 'dark and ugly' – think of an elongated muddler minnow tied in metallic blue and black.

Nick Colantonio

AN APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE FROM



Dear Captains,

As some of you may know, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military personnel and veterans through fly fishing, fly tying, rod building, fly casting education and outings. We have over 130 active programs at VA facilities, some of which are in Florida. Trout Unlimited and International Federation of Fly Fishers clubs provide volunteers to assist in this worthwhile endeavor. Most emphasis has been on freshwater salmonoids leaving a vast untapped area of saltwater that we are only now beginning to pursue. Many of our facilities, especially in the Sunshine state, are close to saltwater. In my position during the past six years as Regional Coordinator for the Deep South I have wanted to introduce our deserving veterans to the wonders and joys of fly fishing in the salt. We have been able to do this in a small way and have watched the joy and satisfaction that has accompanied all involved in these trips.

Our guidelines require licensed Captains to operate any boats involved in taking our veterans out during these events. We are in need of Captains who are responsible and interested in giving their time to help those that have given much for our freedom.

This event at Bradenton Yacht Club, Saturday, Nov. 17, will serve as a template for more future outings. Our day will begin with a short meeting of Captains and volunteers before embarking on a four-hour fishing trip in the bountiful waters close to the club. A fly club volunteer will accompany each veteran on a boat allowing the captain to concentrate on his or her ability to get to areas where flies can be presented to fish. The Bradenton Yacht Club is an ideal location on the Manatee River which offers many protected areas as well as easy access to Tampa Bay. A private launch and adequate parking are located on club property. After fishing we will have lunch and recap the morning fishing with fellowship and awards.

Hells Bay Boats has been very supportive of PHWFF providing some of their local Captains and boats, but more are needed. We would like to have about 20 boats participating as this number will give us a balance of vets, volunteers and Captains. Please consider helping us with this event. A definitive schedule of the program will follow. Feel free to contact Larry Lurie, Deep South Area Coordinator PHWFF or Capt. Pat Damico with questions or concerns.

Healing those who serve,

Capt. Pat Damico, St. Pete Beach, 727-504-8649, pat4jaws@hotmail.com
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FLY OF THE MONTH

Quad color Clouser

As Tied by Jeff Janecek



Materials:

Hook: Size 6 or 4, Standard (saltwater) **Thread:** Chartreuse flat waxed nylon

Eyes: Medium dumbbell in gold with black pupils

Tail: Angel hair, gold Body: Ice Chenille, green

Wing: layered chartreuse. pink, orange and brown

marabou or angel hair

Glitter; optionally, add fingernail glitter to thread

Tying Instructions:

- 1. Start with hook facing down.
- 2. Tye on gold angel hair on shank towards the bend and just into the bend of the hook.
- 3. Tye on medium eye ½" back from eye of hook. Work thread behind eye.
- 4. Tye on green ice chenille.
- 5. Get a small cup of water. Flip hook facing up.
- 6. From just behind the eye of the hook, tye on wet chartreuse marabou, then wet pink, then wet orange, then a small amount of wet brown on top.
- 7. Form a nice head, whip finish, and let dry.
- 8. Fly should taper to just the angel hair, roughly 3 ¼ inches long, then trim off excess.

To fish, work fly with several quick strips....pause, letting it fallthen repeat

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"

OCTOBER 2012

Capt. Pat Damico fishing with son **Chris** in Yellowstone Park were rewarded with some nice cutthroat trout fishing Slough Creek using 3 & 4 wt rods. Wore bear bells while fishing.

Denise Bruner caught some black sea bass and trout fishing while fishing Homosassa. She also saw a huge Spanish mackerel while snorkeling for scallops.

Leigh West and Robert Fischer sight fished some big reds on the flats near Oldsmar. Leigh did well with his green and gold fly and Robert used the Golden Eye Shrimp for reds up to 28 inches. They also caught trout and Leigh got a flounder. They reported that the fish were very spooky, so they had to be extremely quiet and slow.

I received an email from **Steve Parker** to let us know that he and **Frank Rhodes** were in Kodiak catching silver and dollys.

Tom Perkins took his grandson fishing for his first time. Score: Grandson 2, grandpa 1.

Still getting great reports from Capt Rick Grassett. He and his clients have been catching trout, red fish, snook, little tunnies and juvenile tarpons.

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