

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, 6 p.m.

Invited Speaker Kelly Sobczak

Kelly Sobczak is an environmental engineer with a passion for outdoor pursuits. Her husband of 18 years, Wes, introduced her to fishing while they were dating, fishing the waters of Colorado where she learned to fish small mountain streams and lakes as well learning to tie tiny flies (such as size 22). They lived in Alaska for a few years and enjoyed the amazing fishing opportunities of the 49th state. Now they enjoy returning to Alaska each summer to try fishing new locations. Kelly's topic this month will be Sheefish on the Kobuk.

Featured Fly Tyer Bryon Chamberlin

Bryon is a full-time saltwater fly fishing guide and owner of Barbed Steel Charters. He fishes mainly in the Tampa area and plans to show the club how to tie a pattern for spooky winter reds.

Bryon attended USF and also received his on-the-water education in Tampa Bay at the same time. After college, Bryon landed a job conducting habitat restoration in Tampa Bay. After two years, and with encouragement from his wife, he decided to follow his dream of being a professional charter captain. Captain Bryon prides himself on being a patient, hard-working and enthusiastic guide and enjoys introducing clients to a thriving ecosystem surrounded by the sprawling skyline of a major metropolis.

It is time to pay your 2014 dues. For your convenience, an application form is printed on page 5, below.

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 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all fly-fishers, goblins, and boats that go bump in the night. With the advent of November's cooler weather, we should have some of the best fishing of the year in the flats around Tampa Bay. I always consider the best temperature range for our shallow waters to be between 70-80 degrees Fahrenheit. That's when snook, redfish, and seatrout all seem to get hungry and start to fatten up for winter. Of course, tarpon hunters will not agree.

TBFFC was well represented at the FFF Florida Conclave in Crystal River on Oct. 18-19, with at least 11 members present on Saturday and undoubtedly a few others who I missed. That number does not include spouses. Walt Durkin informed me that the Saturday night banquet was excellent and a bargain at \$30 per ticket.

Thanks to **Capt. Ethan Kiburz** for his informative talk at the October meeting and to **Jeff Janecek** for tying his go-to fly for the Carl Hanson outing, which was held on 10/12/13. He used that fly to win both trophies (most fish at 38 and largest fish at over 17"). Instructions for tying the fly are given later in this newsletter, so you have plenty of time to make a bunch before the next Carl Hanson contest.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Tight lines,









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TBFFC EVENTS 2012-213 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Remaining dates for 2013: November 6, December 4.

Please watch this space for any changes.



TBFFC BIG GUN SHOOTOUT

When: Sunday, Nov, 17, 2013, 9:00 a.m.-2 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-foot 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 to help with the setup and do a bit of judging (which is fun), so that everyone can participate in the event.

For information: contact Walt Durkin at

813-476-7128



CASTING CLINIC

When: Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, 8 a.m. (classes start at 8:30) until 3 p.m., including lunch.

Where: Picnic Island Park, Tampa

What: An intensive, formalized group fly casting clinic for all skill levels. The lead instructor is Dayle Mazzarella of SFF, who has held this program in the past and found it to be very successful. He will be assisted by the top fly-casting instructors of both TBFFC and SFF. It is expected that more than 30 "students" will sign up for the event.

What to Bring: 6-weight rods with 7-8 foot leader are ideal, but bring anything close.

What else: The clinic is free to all club members, who are also paid-up members of FFF. Those who are not FFF members or who have not paid their current dues will be expected to join/pay the annual membership in FFF.

The clinic is a fantastic bargain even if you need to pay the fee to become an FFF member. **Sign Up**: at the November meeting or contact Pat Damico @ (727) 360-6466 to be included.



HEALING WATERS – RESTART & NEW

Deb Brooks, has volunteered to help re-start our Healing Waters Project at the Veteran's Hospital. Additionally, McDill AFB has agreed to a Project Healing Waters starting in the fall. We will meet out there once-a-month to start fly tying. Walt Durkin is looking for fly casting/tying volunteers on Jan. 7, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 25. Sessions will go from 7:30-9 p.m. Need incentive? Wade fishing may be on the agenda.



YET ANOTHER FLY FISHING SHOW

When: Sat., Dec. 7, 2013

Where: Titusville

Includes: Rod building, fly casting and fly tying demonstrations from some of the best in the business. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Renzettti is hosting the event. For information, go to www.Renzetti.com



Robert Fischer is planning two club trips for early next year. One is to Lake Pana Vista, Jan. 10-11. The number for the Lodge: 352-793-2061. There's room for two more in one reserved cabin, but others should be available. The second trip is set for Jensen Beach, Feb. 28-March 1, at Carribean Shores: 866-474-6737. The motel is on the water with a dock with 3 rooms left. Members are asked to make their own reservations and inquiries about each hotel's amenities.



FUTURE EVENTS

- **PLAY HOOKY** on Fri., Dec. 13 at the Port Manatee Hatchery
- **DON COLEMAN OUTING** at Desoto Park, sponsored by Suncoast Club, Sat., Dec. 14 (Tentative date)

TIPS FOR TBFFC - No. 64

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 46

Use Spey casting techniques to improve your single hand rod presentations

"You should have been here yesterday!" This really applies to our recent IFFF Expo hosted by the Florida Council in Crystal River recently. Casting venues were oversubscribed and gave participants tremendous help from Certified Instructors. One that I especially enjoyed was given by Leslie Holmes, MCI, on our casting tip topic. Having watched videos and used spey rods in the past has improved my ability to make smooth, effortless casts in very difficult situations. Check YouTube and other locations for more information on this subject and make sure you attend our next Expo event.

Pat Damico, MCI

Helpful Websites and Miscellaneous Hints

How to Remove an Imbedded Hook and a New Simple Flyline- to- Leader Knot

Ouch!

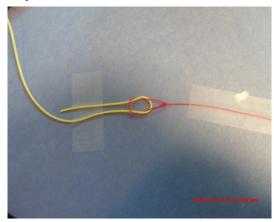
The website below gives a very clear and graphic video on how to remove a hook from your skin. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=fOoardRmtSU#t=12 Easy knot!

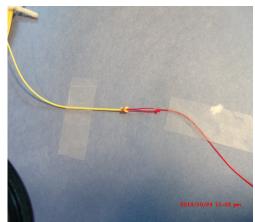
Here is a very quick, easy, and secure way to attach a looped leader to a fly line that has no loop. I was shown this knot by Renate Bullock, an extraordinary guide on the Miramichi River. The knot may look fragile, but if it holds for Atlantic salmon, it should hold for any fish!

Step One: Thread end of fly line through leader loop as shown

Step Two: Moisten, tighten and trim the fly line.

Dick Miekka







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Member Photos, November













Top: Tony Smith fished the Battenkill River in Vermont and came home with a nice brookie. *Middle*: The fly show in Crystal River welcomed a number of celebrities, including Flip Pallot, Chico Fernandez and master fly tyer Oscar Feliu. *Bottom: Walt Durkin* bagged a nice snook near MacDill and traveled to Mexico for permit.

Member Photos, Continued















Top left, bottom right: **Jeff Janecek** accepts his hardware at the Carl Hanson outing for the biggest fish and the most fish. Also shown are **Mark Hays** (left) and **Robert Fischer** (right). Top right: Various members enjoy their morning on the Hillsborough River. Middle left: **Andy Constantinou** caught this perch at his trout fishery along with six rainbows. Below: Two more fish from Andy from a local golf course.





Member Photos, Continued







Left: **Jack Hexter** celebrates catching a rainbow nearly Waynesboro, Va. The other two pics are from **Mike Hodge**, who recently took a trip to St. Augustine in search of reds in the flooded marsh. **Kevin Keastman**, a local fly fisherman, was kind enough to scout for tails. *Bottom right*: A view of the Tuckasegee River in Western North Carolina, where Mike and his father fished this summer and caught a few rainbow trout.





Left: Andy Constantinou with a handful of nice rainbows apparently caught near his place in England. The fly of choice was a Grey Minky.





Crystal River FF Expo

By Tom Gadacz,

Five hundred anglers converged at Crystal River in mid October to attend the IFFF Florida Council's 2013 Fly Fishing Expo at the Plantation on Crystal River. Old and new fly fishers participated in 41 programs and workshops. Featured were two of Florida's most noted saltwater anglers — Chico Fernandez and Flip Pallot, who delivered first-class lectures.

We had great support from our many vendors, the local media, and Bobbie Cox and members of the Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers. Thanks first go to the members of the Florida Council who planned a great event. I wish to thank all the presidents of the Florida fly fishing clubs for their help and support. They helped publicize our event in their newsletters and web sites and we appreciate their help and support. Do not miss our 2014 Florida Council Expo! Why not make more fly fishing friends in process?

Lastly, there are several others who deserve a pat on the back for the 2013 Expo: Tom Logan, David Lambert, Tracy Maler, Joe Mahler, Karen Markey, Kirk and Wendy Burton, Pete Greenan, Gerald Bell, M.E. DePalma, Oscar Feliu, Jack Neely, Rhonda Sellers and Judy Snyder.

A Chase for Tunny

By Pat Damico,

Fly rod action: Little tunny, or false albacore, are hammering large schools of baitfish close to shore. Most action is close to passes and channels, where tidal flow is strongest. Relatively calm conditions allow you to see the action from a distance because diving terns and gulls will mark the spots. Some schools will number in the hundreds

Technique: Use your outboard if necessary to get close. Then shut off the gas motor and position the boat, so the fish come to you, taking wind and tide into consideration. At least a 9weight fly rod is needed with a good reel holding at least 150 yards of 30-pound backing. Sinking-tip and fullsinking lines are preferred because larger fish are often deeper in the water column. After casting into the feeding fish, retrieve the fly very fast. Small synthetic chartreuse and white patterns are best; they are more durable. A 30pound shock tippet of hard monofilament prevents cutoffs from sharp teeth. Reprinted from The Tampa Bay Times.

Carl Hanson Outing

By Jeff Janecek,

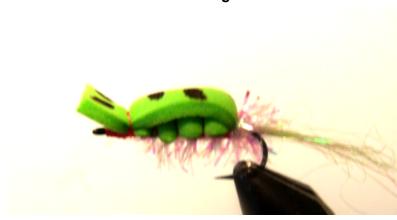
The river was still high, murky and moving fast. A Hobie Outback was just right for the conditions. A #8 popper was the ticket to get the fish to hit in the stained water. The first bass hit less than 100 feet from the ramp. A quick show and tell to Smitty, who was just getting ready to start, was in order. The last bass, at 18 and 34 inches, hit at 10:30 with 12 small ones in between. By 11:40 the fish catch was up to 37, good enough for the most fish. Three bass over 17 inches were caught. The 18¾ was the largest of the outing, good for the big fish award. A good turnout and lunch made for a nice outing.

Newsletter Editor Named

After nearly 16 years of service, Dick Miekka will finally get a well-deserved break from publishing the TBFFC newsletter. Mike Hodge has accepted the editor's role, and with Dick's initial assistance for a month or two, will be in charge of the newsletter. Mike, a Gainesville native, who learned how to fly fish in Virginia, has more than 25 years of newspaper experience.

FLY OF THE MONTH

#8 Gurgler



MATERIALS:

Hook: Black thin wire long shank, #8

Thread: Orange

Tail: Angel hair, gold or blue/silver

Body: Ice chenille

Carapace: Green craft foam, 1/8" thick

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

- **1.** Mount hook, attach orange thread behind hook eye and wrap to bend and stop.
- 2. Tie in a small 2" long bundle of angel hair as a tail
- **3**. Tie in ice chenille at bend of hook, then wrap (palmer) forward to hook eye and tie off.
- **4.** Trim top of chenille to make space for foam.
- **5**. Cut a strip of craft foam a little less than 3/8" wide and 3" long. Cut one end of the foam strip to an arrow point and tie on top just behind the hook eye with foam trailing back.
- **6.** Tie down foam with 1/8" wraps to start of hook bend.
- **7.** Tug on foam tail, fold forward, bring to front of hook and tie ½" behind hook eye as shown. Use 4 wraps of thread. Cut front overhanging piece to ¾" for now.
- **8.** Bend up front of foam at 45 degree angle and prop in place with thread under wraps.
- 9. Whip finish.
- **10.** Cut foam head to 3/8" and glue.
- 11. Add spots, etc. with black marker if desired.

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"

NOVEMBER 2013

Member Lewis Ezsak and I made our semi-annual trip to Alligator Alley Oct. 9-11. The fishing was great, but the catching wasn't so great. No catches on the 9th, less than 15 all day the 10th, In all, we probably caught 30 to 35 fish. Lesson learned: Call the Florida Game and Wildlife office and get a report on the water condition before going back.

Member Layne Smith fished with Capt. Frank Rhodes in Xcalak Mexico and sent me a picture of a nice permit he caught, and he also caught several 12 to 14 inch trout the rest of the morning. Afternoon brought "bragging" trout and some mangrove snapper. All in all, a great day of fishing.

Denise Bruner fished Manasota Key and spotted a 15 and 16-inch snook but didn't catch them. She had to be satisfied with a half dozen ladyfish and a jack.

Capt. Rick Grassett reports his clients are catching trout, redfish, jacks and snook. His trip to the Chesapeake Bay resulted in striped bass to 4 pounds, bluefish to 2 pounds and several spotted seatrout.

Tight lines
Bob Gaulin
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Member Benefits

TBFFC is famous for its value and focus on the sharing of information, experience, and craftsmanship with its members. As a TBFFC member you will enjoy many benefits free or at nominal cost, plus enriching experiences.

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