

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, 6 p.m.

Traditional Holiday Social

Food and Fun! Don't eat anything before the meeting. A fish fry will be provided, but please bring an appetizer or dessert. Enjoy friendly conversation, improve skills and meet fellow members. Also, Bryon Chamberlin's wife, Erin, will demonstrate how to use a CPR mask.

Holiday Gift Swap. Bring a surprise item, preferably wrapped. Each participant will pick an item from the assembled collection --- sorry, you can't choose your own contribution. Show it to the group, enjoy your good fortune or have a good laugh. Nothing needs to be expensive: \$10 is a good guideline. Anything funny, useful or unexpected probably will be appreciated.

A Bonus. If you bring a contribution for the gift bag, you will be given a ticket for a drawing. The winner gets a Lamson reel. If you don't bring a ticket, you're not in the drawing.

Slides and Photos. Feel free to bring any pictures of interest to the club. We may have a projector for computer files. This is a popular event. If you have a few minutes worth of fishing or travel photos, bring them on a laptop or a memory stick to share with the membership.

Fly Fishing Flea Market Bring all the fly fishing stuff you no longer use. Why not tidy up the garage or storage room? We will set up a table to allow sellers and traders to negotiate. Bring rods, reels and fly tying material. Anything but leaky waders!

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

DECEMBER 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Flyfishers:

Welcome to December and happy holidays. Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and are looking forward to our Holiday Party. Please join us for Grits and Grunts and side dishes brought by you!

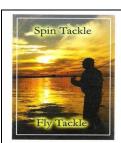
Thanks to Kelly for her presentation on Alaska last month and to Bryon for tying his redfish fly. We are getting into some cooler weather and good possibilities for trout and redfish.

Please read the newsletter for details on outings, which include a visit to the hatchery on December 13, where we will find baby tarpon. Also noteworthy is Flint Creek Outfitters new store on South Westshore in Tampa, which opened this month. Another new option is Gander Mountain on Hillsborough Avenue.

Check them out for gifts to your favorite fly fishermen.

Tight lines,







Capt. Pat Damico

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The next meeting of the TBFFC Board of Directors will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Sa Ri one (Cypress Korean).

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TBFFC EVENTS 2012-213 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the remaining meeting dates for 2013: December 4. The first meeting in 2014 is Jan. 8, not Jan. 1

Please watch this space for any changes.



2013 BIG GUN SHOOTOUT RECAP

The wind didn't blow, and Dave Chouinard took full advantage of the ideal conditions, winning top honors at the 2013 Big Gun Shootout.

Flanked by friends and foes, Chouinard won individual honors and led team Juice to first place in the group competition at Picnic Island Park. Joining Chouinard were Greg Peterson and Chris Homer, who helped their squad tally 755 points, well ahead of the second-place team of Phil Triano, Cass Summers and Jay Wright (Sore Shoulders/654) during the Nov. 17 event.

Knot Too Bad (Leigh West, Robert Fischer and Bryon Chamberlin) finished third with 633 points.

Chouinard churned his way to 255 points, navigating his way through the handful of stations that tested distance, timing and accuracy. Homer matched his teammate point for point, but lost the tiebreaker.

Chouinard was second in the Shootout with a longdistance cast of 124.5 feet, just short of the toss by Chamberlin (129.5). West took third with 111.8.

Special thanks to all the competitors and volunteers. Among those who contributed to day-long event: Dick Miekka, Walt Durkin, Rick Valeri, Leigh West, Denise Bruner and Ted Hagaman along with many others.



DON COLEMAN OUTING

What: Annual outing sponsored by the Suncoast Fly-fishers, with TBFFC and Mangrove Fly-fishers invited.

When: December 14, 2013

Where: Fort Desoto Park: Just start fishing wherever and whenever.

Lunch and Chili Cookoff: Noonish or thereabouts. Exact location TBA.

Feel free to bring appetizers, baked goods or dessert. There's usually plenty of hot coffee and cold drinks. If it rains, adjust on the fly, but rain-affected lunch traditionally is at shelter #10 in the North Beach picnic area. Sign up at the December meeting. More details to follow.



HEALING WATERS – RESTART & NEW

Update on project healing waters:

New member, Deb Brooks, has volunteered to help restart our Healing Waters Project at the Veteran's Hospital. Deb has moved here from Colorado and already has experience with the program. We look forward to helping her move this worthy project forward.

Furthermore, MacDill AFB has agreed to a Project Healing Waters starting this winter. We will meet there once-amonth 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. Can't beat that. -- Walt



A REASON TO PLAY HOOKY

What: Play Hook Outing.

Where: Port Manatee Fish Hatchery.

When: Dec. 13, 2013.

Who can turn down a chance to fish --- no boat, no waders --- for baby tarpon and assorted gamefish at assorted local retention ponds. No muss. No fuss. It's convenient and it's fun. The plan is to fish for a few hours, and take in a tour from Gina Russo and then have a nice lunch. Low stress. Sure beats a day in front of the computer or an afternoon of yardwork. Details to follow.



- **PLAY HOOKY,** Friday, December 13, Port Manatee Hatchery.
- DON COLEMAN OUTING at Desoto Park, sponsored by the Suncoast Club, Saturday, December 14
- Lake Pana Vista Outing, Jan. 10-11
- Jensen Beach, Feb. 28-March 1



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Regular Meetings: 6:30pm on the Third Thursday of each month, **except December**, at Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7883 26th Ave. N., St. Pete.



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www.mangrovecoastflyfishers.com

Contact website above for details and directions.

TIPS FOR TBFFC – No. 65

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 48

Why not get a practice partner?

Saturday, Nov. 23, we had an exceptional casting clinic led by IFFF Master certified Fly Casting Instructor Dayle Mazzarella. One of his casting techniques gleaned from many years of teaching that proved highly effective is to have a practice partner. We all know trying to do something alone isn't as much fun or productive as having someone with similar interests at your side and sharing the enjoyment. We had some first-time students that even together were quite accomplished by the end of the day. Many of our IFFF casting instructors get together frequently to critique and share information for our mutual benefit and to help our students. When preparing for my Master exam, I would get together with a friend, Bill Whitebread, two or three times a week to go over information as well as techniques.

Pat Damico, MCI



More Boating/casting Tips from Capt. John Hand (+ See July 2013 Newsletter)

- 1. Apply sunscreen from the back of your hand. If needed, wash palm of hand with Crest toothpaste!
- 2. Keep a small bottle of fresh water + drop of detergent to shake your used saltwater flies. Avoids corrosion, etc.
- 3. Release fish with hook remover handle pointed toward sky.
- 4. When fighting big fish, use "bonefish" grip on reel: 3 fingertips—saves knuckles
- 5. Save rod guides by using a rubber band to hold fly on rod
- 6. Don't store rod with fly line bent around the tiptop.
- 7. Don't strip out more line than you will cast
- 8. Pay attention to your shadow on the water—it can spook fish
- 9. When casting, put all weight on the opposite foot to avoid rocking the boat
- 10. When fighting a fish, keep rod within 45 degrees of the fish.
- 11. Sharpen all hook enough so they 'grab' your thumbnail
- 12. Don't reel in line to be shorter than your rod when landing a fish
- 13. Good practice on land is to cast to a Frisbee.

John Hand





Membership Application (New or Renewal) Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club

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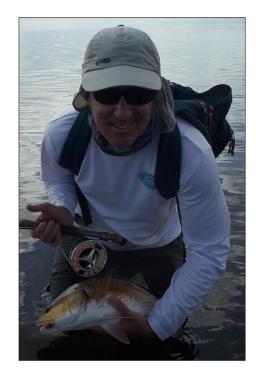
Please make check payable to mail to (or pay at meeting): Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club C/o Rick Valeri, 1404 Oxfordshire Ct. Brandon, FL

Members' Photos, December











Top left: Jack Hexter with a North Carolina trout. Top right: Jeff Janecek with a fat Weeki Wachee panfish.

Middle left: Bob Finck with a river snook. Bottom right:

Mike Hodge with a MacDill red. Bottom left: Ted Hagaman eniovs a MacDill bruiser.

















Top left: Mike Hodge and Walt Durkin at MacDill. Big Gun Shootout, L/R: Deb Brooks, Ted Hagaman and weapons of choice. Bottom row: Dick Miekka keeps score. Team Juice (Chris Homer, Greg Peterson and Dave Chouinard celebrate. Far right: Chouinard takes top honors. Bryon Chamberlin places third.













Top: Dayle Mazzarella, left, leads the way in casting class. John Hand goes into detail. Middle: Leigh West talks line speed. Andy Constantinou connects with a bonefish. Below, left: Ted Hagaman scores a big brown.

A BLAST ON GRASS

By Pat Damico,

Daylight welcomed Dayle and Barbara Mazzarella Saturday morning as they were soon met with John Hand and Pat Damico to prepare for a full day of casting activity, laying out an extensive course that Dayle has developed that is a work of art in itself. Instructors Leigh West and Robert Fischer soon joined them and began registering, stringing rods and enjoying hot coffee and donuts. Bob Gaulin, from TBFFC, the host club for the event, had drinks, fruit and lunch items ready for the day. Dayle began promptly at 8:30, and using tactile as well as visual aids, had everyone partnered up and casting.

By the time we had our lunch break everyone was much better prepared for fly fishing and ready to divide into groups for more individual attention from our instructors with topics such as distance casting, double haul, accuracy, mending lines, change of direction and casting in the wind. We were there until about 3 p.m. Many old as well as new members shared the day and we all left with big smiles and feeling a little sorry for anyone that used the beautiful day to go fishing instead.

One of the highlights of the day was when we were joined by Joe Huynh, Nick Theochevalis and Brendon Cook members of the Pinellas Park High School fishing club and their teacher/moderator, Tom Reckenwald. This was the first time the students had ever held a fly rod. They had a great

time and we enjoyed their company. The boys are all now IFFF members and are invited to our fly club meetings. Seeing their enthusiasm for fly fishing was a real highlight for all of us. Thanks to all who helped the 25 attendees have a tremendous Nov. 23. Special thanks to Dayle and Barbara, who really worked to make this a huge success.

KEYS TOURNEY

Courtesy of BTT,

Weather conditions were rough and windy during the Second Annual Cheeca Lodge All American Backcountry Fishing Tournament, but a tenacious group of 30 anglers fishing on 22 boats managed to release a remarkable 193 fish over two days of fishing: 97 snook, 75 redfish, 13 tarpon, seven bonefish and one permit during Nov. 9-10. **Individual Grand Champion** honors went to James Bokor of Tavernier, Fla., who released 10 snook and 10 redfish for a total of 1,935 points.

Bokor, a well-known name on the tournament circuit, was guided by Frank Ortiz of Key Largo.

"I'm honored and humbled to win this tournament because it's fashioned after one of my favorite events, The George Bush/Cheeca Lodge Bonefish Tournament, which I fished for many years," Bokor said.

Runner-Up Grand Champion was Samuel Rose of Miami, releasing six snook and 10 redfish for a total of 1,935 points. Rose was guided by Mike Hutchisson, also from Miami. In a fitting tribute to Veteran's Day, active duty soldier Rob Dixon of Clarksville, Tenn. and wounded soldier Kevin Willette of Chicopee, Mass., were named the Grand Championship Team. Fishing with Guide Mike Makowski, the soldiers racked up a total of 2,780 points. Dixon is a Chief Warrant Officer of the 5th Special Forces Group. Willette completed his service as Army Specialist.

Both were ecstatic with their win, having never fished in the Keys before.

"Spending time with our guide Mike was amazing," Willette said. "We never would have won without him. He is the best. This was one of the highlights of my life."

Fishing legend Stu Apte and his partner, Art Webb from Virginia Beach, Va., took home Runner-Up Grand Champion Team honors. Guided by Tavernier's Steve Thomas, they scored a total of 2,650 points, inching out Dale DePriest and Guy Fullhart by a mere 40 points. Webb also landed Grand Champion honors in the Fly Division, releasing an impressive two snook and five tarpon on fly (1,800 points). Apte took home the Artificial Division Grand Champion honors with one redfish, four snook and one tarpon and 850 points, winning by just 25 points!

General Division Champion Angler was Chief Warrant Officer Rob Dixon, releasing eight snook and nine redfish. He was deployed for the first time during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. He has returned to serve his country five more times in Iraq.

FLY OF THE MONTH BC's Redfish Slider



As tied by Bryon Chamberlin

Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu B10 Stinger Size #4

Eyes: Medium Dumbbell Eyes

Tail: Bunny Zonker **Body**: Neck Hackle Silly Legs

EP Tarantula Brush

Weedguard: 16-pound Hard Mono

Thread: Flat Waxed Nylon

Tying Instructions

- 1) Attach thread near the eye and wrap toward the bend about 1/4 inch and figure eight in the dumbbell eyes on the top part of the hook shank (opposite the hook point). Leave enough room between the dumbbell eyes and the hook eye to install a weedguard and build up the head later.
- 2) Wrap thread all the way down to the beginning of the hook bend. Attach a small section of rabbit zonker fur side toward the hook (so fur will face up when the fly is worked on the bottom). Zonker leather should only be about 3/4 to 1 inch; longer and the zonker will tend to foul. No foul guard needed.
- 3) Pick a strung neck hackle that has some fluff at the base. Determine the bending point of the feather at its base and trim the feather at that point. Discard the stiffer part of the feather that would break if palmered. Attach the feather at its base just in front of the zonker strip, palmer the feather to form a collar, secure with a few wraps of thread and trim the excess feather remaining. Trim the palmered feather flat on

the 'bottom side' of the hook, so the fly will lay flat on the bottom.

- 4) Tie in two doubled over silly legs on the 'up side' of the fly just in front of the finished collar to form four antennae. Trim them just short enough so they don't foul on the hook bend.
- 5) Attach tarantula brush to the hook shank just in front of the collar and silly legs. Palmer forward and cover the remaining space on the hook shank to just behind the dumbbell eyes. Secure with thread and trim excess brush with side cutters or pliers (metal core with ruin your good scissors).
- 6) Move thread to just in front of the dumbbell eyes and install a single post mono weedguard, build up the head a little with thread, whip finish and apply head cement. Trim weedguard to just barely covering to hook point.

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Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"

DECEMBER 2013

Member Robert Fischer, fishing with partner Lance Pocock, went trolling for Kings and caught 30–35 Spanish macks and Kings. At the same time Robert, using a green and white clouser and needlefish flies, caught 10 Spanish mackerel.

Neil Taylor, the kayak guy, guided Ed Venator from Mississippi and tore up the jacks. Neil said they were the biggest jacks he ever saw.

Capt. Pat Damico reported Bob Finck caught a very nice snook using a Snook-A-Roo fly while river fishing.

Jeff Janecek caught eight species of fish on an outgoing tide near the flats of the Skyway. A #4 pink clouser with a brown back with a little flash was the choice. He caught trout to 20 inches.

Last but not least, I went fishing in the Hillsborough river twice this last month.

Water is still high, but I managed a few nice bluegill and a small bass.

Tight lines
Bob Gaulin
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