

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Invited Speakers Leigh West, Bryon Chamberlin, and Denise Bruner

This presentation was originally scheduled to be given at our November, 2012 club meeting, but had to be postponed because of problems with the in-house projection system. As a result of this problem, TBFFC has purchased a computer projector that we can use both as a backup at our regular meeting location, as well as for presentations at any other location.

The extemporaneous Q and A presentation given by Bryon and Leigh in November was an excellent replacement program. Tonight we will get the original unexpurgated version of the Mexico trip.

Leigh, Bryon and Denise were part of "group 2" that traveled to Xcalak Mexico in the fall of 2012 to fish for Permit, Bonefish, and whatever else might attack their fly offerings. Group 1 had been there one week earlier to test the fishing conditions, and perhaps we will hear from them as well. The trips were arranged by Frank Rhodes, who may also contribute to the presentation.

Featured Fly Tier

Logan Valeri

Logan Valeri, one of TBFFC's youngest members, has been tying flies for several years. He learned all of his techniques on his own and specializes in trout flies. Some of his flies are quite tiny, requiring the eyesight of a young man, or a very good pair of eyeglasses!

Although he has become something of our in-house guru on classic freshwater trout flies, Logan is not a one trick pony, and will tie a saltwater fly on this occasion, but taking advantage of his skill at tying small and intricate flies. Come and watch what you might have done before time clouded your vision!

Directions to Our Meetings: From I-75---Take Bruc 13e 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

FEBRUARY 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Flyfishers,

Welcome to February and hope you are enjoying the mild winter weather and getting out on the water.

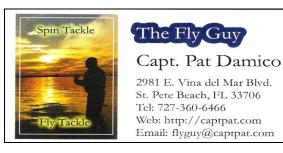
Thanks to **Capt Phil Thompson** for his presentation on Cuba last month and to **Leigh West** for tying. Leigh's instructions for tying a Lefty's Deceiver can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

Looks like we will finally luck out with the weather for our shad outing and we hope to catch-um-up. Regardless, we will have fun at a wonderful venue and good company.

Please sign up for our banquet as we re-visit Hunter's Green in March. We still welcome ideas on how to make it a special event this year.

//Walt 🗪







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The next meeting of the TBFFC Board of Directors will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 13 at La Terrazza

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TBFFC EVENTS

2012-2013 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the remaining meeting dates for 2013; February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 6, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, Please watch this space for any changes.



2013 FLY FISHING FILM TOUR

The Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3) will be coming to The Tampa Pitcher Show Theater on March 7, showing a collection of short films on fly-fishing from around the world. Tickets are \$15 at the door but frequently sell out early. They are also available at a discounted price from Tampa Bay on the Fly, and we can probably arrange to get one for you if you pay at the club meeting. TBFFC members may gather for a bite to eat before the show, but apparently not at the Tilted Kilt, which may have closed that location. Get more information at the meeting.



Our banquet plans have now been finalized and are somewhat different from what was listed in this space last month.

New (and final) date: Saturday, March 9, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm

New Location: Hunter's Green Country Club, (located off Bruce B. Downs, about 1.5 miles northeast of I-75, so not far from our regular meeting place.)

As usual, we will have an excellent meal, party favors for all, a cash bar, lots of silent auction items including guided trips and plenty of good stuff for fishing and for your home, a grand prize drawing and/or special entertainment (we haven't finalized that) and great camaraderie.

When you attend, you also support the club and help us pay for all of those free outings, tutorials, and monthly pizzas! **Invite a spouse, friend, or prospective member** along too.

See mail-in sheet on page 5, below, or sign up at the TBFFC meeting.



TBFFC IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

You can now connect with the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club on Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/TampaBayFlyFishingClub Members can go to the page for updates on club events and meetings, as well as other timely information about fly fishing activities and news around the Tampa Bay area. You can also post pictures of your catches, or flies you've tied.

The page is set up as an organizational page, meaning anyone on Facebook can access it, make comments and post pics. Please "Like" the page yourself and share it with others who are interested in fly fishing. If you are not a Facebook member, no problem. Anyone can see the page via the web link above, but only Facebook members can use the Facebook page (post a comment or reply to a comment, get updates about things being posted on the page, etc). However, a good percentage of our members have Facebook pages, and anyone can join Facebook as it's free.

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FUTURE EVENT

Casting Clinic, Time to be determined.

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TIPS FOR TBFFC – No. 55

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 38

IMPROVING CASTING DISTANCE

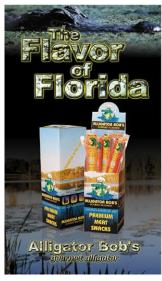
Saltwater fly fishers are often concerned with improving distance. Joan Wulff's book has an excellent illustration showing a very useful tip. As you carry more line, you must aim both your forward and backcast a little higher, meaning above the horizontal. As the longer line unrolls, gravity will come into play causing the line to drop before your longer fly line reverses direction. The next time you practice your casting experiment a little with this concept. Your final delivery forward cast may be aimed as much as 20 degrees or more above the horizontal for better distance. This applies to situations with minimal wind.

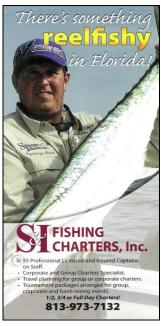
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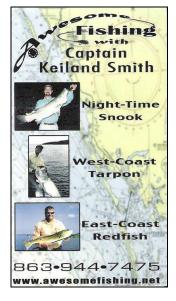
Three More Tips on Distance Casting

- When loading the rod, keep in mind that there is a big difference in results between pivoting the rod vs. pushing the rod forward/pulling it back. Use the pivot for loading, and the latter method for rod tip drift, if desired, after power application. Thanks to the late casting expert, author and instructor Mel Krieger for showing me that at one of our TBFFC clinics several years ago.
- Keep fly line movement in the forward and back casts along the same line. This usually means that the rod will be travelling in the same plane on the forward and back casts. Place a rope on the ground in a straight line over which to cast (or cast along a sidewalk edge, etc.) and practice keeping the forward and back casts over the line. Thanks to Capt. Leo Henriques for sharing that tip with me at a Suncoast Casting Club workshop a few years ago.
- When hauling, haul down the length of the rod vs. away from the rod.

Leigh West 🔼







TBFFC Annual Banquet and Auction

And Membership Renewal

Date and time: Saturday, March 9, 2013 at Hunter's Green CC, Tampa

6:00-7:00 PM Silent Auction and cash bar.

7:00 PM Buffet Dinner

Salad Bar, Chicken Picatta, Marinated London Broil, Chef Choice Vegetable, Roasted Red Potatoes Club Rolls w. Butter, Chef Choice Dessert, Coffee & Tea Service

> 8:30 -9:00 Announcements, Special Events 9:00 Closing Remarks, Pick up Silent1 Auction Items

A. Order Form for Annual Bar	nquet		
Where: Columbia Restaurant,			
When: March 9, 2013 @6;00 PM	Л		
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We Played Hooky – and Caught Lots of Fish

By Kelly Sobczak



In December, Rick Fender, Nick Angelo, Greg Pederson, Dick Miekka, Frank Rhodes, Walt Durkin, Kelly Sobczak, Ted Hagaman, and a friend of Ted's played hooky and went to the State Fish Hatchery at Port Manatee. We caught more fish that one day than all other hooky days to date. Literally hundreds of fish were caught, mostly tarpon, but also including trout, redfish, pinfish, and snook.

Most fish were in the 12-14 inch range, but we all had fun catching so many. We were provided an excellent program by Gina Russo, who told us all about the research facility and let us feed some monster breeder redfish that were bigger than anything I have ever seen. Lunch was a special event by Alligator Bob – hot dogs with Florida relish and delicious bean and spinach soup.



Pictures were taken by Frank Rhodes.

Captain's Corner: Go for the 'tail'

By Pat Damico, Times Correspondent

Published Friday, December 14, 2012

What's hot: We are enjoying some very low morning tides combined with mild wind, which offer sight-fishing opportunities for fish that "tail." Careful and stealthy observation will reveal changes in the water's surface — sometimes referred to as nervous water — that signal the presence of fish. A tail breaking the surface means a fish is using its nose and mouth to uncover a crustacean, shrimp or crab. The fish's body is now more vertical. Inexperienced fishermen have followed mullet and even wing tips of rays, mistaking them for redfish.

Tip: At this time of year, sheepshead occupy the same shallow water flats enjoyed by redfish for the same reason: plentiful food. It is more difficult to differentiate the two, so why not pursue the proverbial bait-stealing sheepshead, a great fighter and fine table fare? Close observation shows the difference in tails, but sheepshead can be more difficult to fool with a fly rod. If your tailer refuses your regular redfish presentations of crab and shrimp-type flies, reduce the size, remembering that tiny sand fleas or sand crabs are favorite sheepshead delicacies. Also, lengthen and reduce the tippet section of your leader to 10-pound test. A strong hook must be used because sheepshead bend the point down with their crushers, making a hook set impossible. Keep your rod tip on the water and eliminate slack to detect soft takes. Move the fly very slowly. A small pair of binoculars will extend your vision and allow you to cover more water before heading off to chase the wrong fish.

There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home. ~Roderick Haig-Brown, *Fisherman's Spring*, 1951

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"
FEBRUARY 2013

Jeff Janecek and I went to WeekiWachee and I had a pleasant experience. As you all know this is where Jeff fishes on many occasions. plentiful Mangrove snappers were occasional bass. I had never seen so many mangroves in schools of hundreds. Manatees made it hazardous as there were so many. I even got broken off when my line wrapped or got caught around a manatee. They sure are a beautiful creature. Jeff saw some snook cruising on a previous trip. The fly of choice was a #8 clouser with some pink.

Capt Rick Grassett reports trout, redfish, mackerel, lady fish, pompano and blues are being caught by clients on his ultrahair clouser.

On a non fly catching report, **Jack Hexter** and Chuck fished an overnight headboat around the Tortugas. Over the 2 day trip they caught 8 mutton snappers the largest weighed 19.5 pounds. Jack also caught a good string of yellowtail snapper the largest was 4 pounds. Porgies, margates and grouper were also caught.

Tight lines
Bob Gaulin
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FLY OF THE MONTH Lefty's Deceiver

As Tied by Leigh West



The advent of synthetic fibers has lead to some very effective general-purpose saltwater flies, such as the Puglisi minnow series. Lefty's Deceiver is a much older but enduring pattern comprised primarily of natural materials, which is relatively easy and fun to tie. It can be tied in many profiles and colors to mimic almost any kind of baitfish. The feathers in the tail, especially when tied so they extend well beyond the hook shank, allow the fly to have a seductive action when the fly is moved through the water. I have had great success with this pattern over the years, particularly when targeting breeder size snook in the spring along the Gulf beaches.

Materials

Hook: 3/0 Eagle Claw Billy Pate or 2/0 Mustad

34007, e.g.

Thread: White Danville flat wax nylon, clear Uni-

mono

Tail: White saddle hackles

Hook overwrap: Pearl medium Mylar tubing or

woven braid

Flash: Silver Krystal Flash, pearl Flashabou

Wing/body/collar: White and chartreuse yellow

bucktail

Throat or gill: Red Marabou or Krystal Flash

Topping: Peacock herl

Eye: Silver Hologram stick-on to match fly size

Adhesives: Sally Hansen nail polish and 5-minute

epoxy

Procedure

- 1. Lay down a base wrap of thread on the hook shank.
- 2. Tie in 2 pairs of feathers at the hook bend, splayed inward, to extend ~1-3x the shank length.
- 3. Tie in a few strands of silver Krystal Flash and

pearl Flashabou along the feathers, on each side of the fly.

- 4. Tie in the pearl body material at the hook bend and then wrap the thread to just behind the hook eye. Overwrap the hook with the body material and tie it off. Trim excess.
- 5. Form the body/collar of the fly by tying in 4 bunches of bucktail (on the top, bottom and sides of the hook shank). Extend the collar length to hide the hook, but keep the belly a bit shorter than the top and sides. Optional: In lieu of bucktail on the sides, I often tie in a pair of saddle hackles on either side, splayed in again, with some flash tied in on the sides to serve as a lateral line. This gives the fly a slim profile and allows it to sink quickly. Or, add a thin barred hackle on either side to add a contrasting color and striped sides.
- 6. Tie in some silver Flashabou over the top of the fly along the bucktail.
- 7. Build up the eye with the white thread, and whip finish. Tie in the remaining materials and overwrap the eyes to secure in place with the tying mono.
- 8. Tie in a top of chartreuse bucktail to give a contrasting back.
- 9. Tie in a throat of red marabou, ~1/4".
- 10. Tie in about 10 strands of peacock herl on the top.
- 11. Place eyes on either side. Overwrap them with the mono thread, just enough to make sure they don't fall off during the epoxy addition. The thread will disappear when the epoxy wets it. Whip finish and cut the thread.
- 12. Mix the 2-part epoxy with a stick on foil or in a plastic dish, and apply it over the eyes after about three minutes. Twirl the fly in hand to keep the head shape uniform, or place the fly in a fly rotator if available, until the epoxy sets.

Here is a color variation of the Deceiver



Leigh West, TBFFC member

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