

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2013, 6:00 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 fish small mountain streams and lakes as well learning to tie tiny flies (like 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. Recently they were in Southeast Alaska and did a do-it-yourself trip on Prince of Wales Island. Kelly will show you highlights of the trip and how to plan your own trip.

Featured Fly Tier Craig Smothers

Craig grew up in Iowa City along the banks of the Iowa River. He grew up fishing, hunting and generally getting into trouble. This resulted in his high school years at Shattuck military school in southern Minnesota. After graduating he received degrees in English and Environmental Science at Cornell University, then a master's degree in Ornithology from the University of Minnesota.

After working for an aquarium company in Sarasota for 25years, he broke out on his own and now operates The Fish Physician LLC.

He fell for saltwater fishing and fly tying quickly, and has also been a commercial fly tier for nearly 20 years, and has tied at numerous shows throughout the country. Currently he is the President of the Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers, an IFFF club in Sarasota.

He will be tying an example of a simple pattern which will be included in the fly boxes at the upcoming Sarasota CCA/MCFF tournament. Look for his fly tying videos through the fly tying link on the <u>www.mangrovecoastflyfishers.com</u> site.

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

APRIL 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

. Hello Flyfishers and welcome to April.

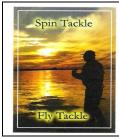
Thanks to **Leigh West** for sharing his many tips on fly fishing while wading. Thanks also to **Jeff** and **Smitty** for tying as the usual suspects. Smitty's fly of the month tying instructions can be found on page 8.

It looks like we raised about \$2000 at our banquet, so "well-done" to all attendees and for **Robert and Ginny Fischer** for much of the work in getting ready.

Your board of directors welcomes ideas on ways to spend those funds to better our club and sport.

Hope everyone has made time to fish the last month and the warmer weather of spring should improve conditions - once the winds die down! Tight lines and look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

//Walt 🗪



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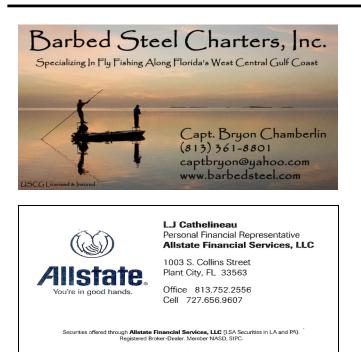
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The next meeting of the TBFFC Board of Directors will be at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 10, location TBD.

NOT GETTING THE NEWSLETTER? Please call Dick Miekka, Editor, at 727-866-8682 or e-mail to <u>dmiekka@cs.com</u>



TBFFC EVENTS

2012-2013 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the remaining meeting dates for 2013; 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.

EVERGLADES FISHING TRIP APRIL 26-27-28

Members of Suncoast Fly Fishers and TBFFC will be heading to the everaglades again this year. Hopefully we will have some dry days to fish, unlike last year's downpour. We will be staying at the same place as in the past. Make your reservation now at at:

LaQuinta Inn Sunrise Sawgrass Mills 13651 Northwest Second Street Sunrise, FL 33325 954-846-1200

When you call the telephone number listed above, mention that you are with the Suncoast Fly Fishers in order to get the special group rate. Call soon before the Motel is full.

Boats are recommended. Kayaks and canoes will work, but there are alligators. Boats can be rented close-by at Holiday Camp Ground.

If you need more information, call Alan Sewell at: 727-470-4570

SOUTHEASTERN FLY FISHING FESTIVAL

The 2013 festival, sponsored by the southeastern council of FFF, will be held at the Ramsey Center at Western Carolina University on May 17-18, 2013.

We expect to have at least forty exhibitors and forty tiers. We are pleased to have lan and Charity Rutter of R&R Fly Fishing, Jim Casada of Jim Casada Outdoors and Al Buhr, two-handed rod guru, as our headliners. Our MCIs and CCIs have, once again, put together a best in class casting program. Paul Bourcq and Team Trout Slayer will run a mini comp competitive fishing event on the Tuck on the 17th. There are numerous (mostly free) presentations and classes. We even have programs and events for your non-fishing significant others and kids.

On Friday night, we have teamed up with the folks at Little River TU to host the Back the Brookie BBQ. All profits from this event will support brook trout restoration in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Immediately following the BBQ, we will be showing the Fly Fishing Film Tour in the Ramsey Center. Check out this promo: On Saturday night, you won't want to miss our banquet and great auction items.

Please join us in Cullowhee. It will be a weekend to remember. We have 100 rooms currently blocked out as well as cabin rentals. Be sure to check out Gold Sponsor, Sundog Places, for house and cabin rentals. It is not to late to be part of our Festival or become a Sponsor. We would love to have you. If interested, contact:

secfff@marvincash.me Or w.kalbas@gmail.com

TBFFC IS NOW ON FACEBOOK



FUTURE EVENT

• TBFFC Casting Clinic, **Time to be determined**.

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SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS

www.suncoastflyfishers.com

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

MANGROVE COAST FLY FISHERS

www.mangrovecoastflyfishers.com Contact website above for details and directions.





TIPS FOR TBFFC – No. 57

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 40

What is overhang and is it important?

When we do our casting clinics, I always learn a lot from participants. Handling different rods and lines is very revealing. There are literally hundreds of different fly lines. The head on a weight forward fly line eventually will join the thinner running line, and the distance between the head and the rod tip while casting is called overhang. If the head on your fly line is 30 feet and it is a few inches outside of the rod tip you are well positioned to load the rod and make an effective cast because the weight of the head will pull the running line as you make your stop. Adding a 10 foot leader and fly means that you must carry 40 feet total with good casting form before making the cast. **Make sure the line you are using** is suited to your ability to accomplish your goal. Identify your head length and shape to help your casting.

Pat Damico, MCI 🧥

Computer Shortcuts from Costal Computer Solutions

Windows system key combinations

F1: Help CTRL+ESC: Open Start menu ALT+TAB: Switch between open programs ALT+F4: Quit program SHIFT+DELETE: Delete item permanently Windows Logo+L: Lock the computer (without using CTRL+ALT+DELETE)

Windows program key combinations

CTRL+C: Copy CTRL+X: Cut CTRL+V: Paste CTRL+Z: Undo CTRL+B: Bold CTRL+U: Underline CTRL+I: Italic

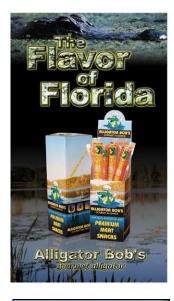
Mouse click/keyboard modifier combinations for shell objects

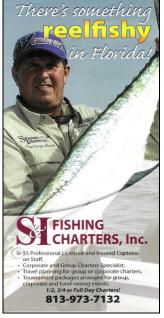
SHIFT+right click: Displays a shortcut menu containing alternative commands

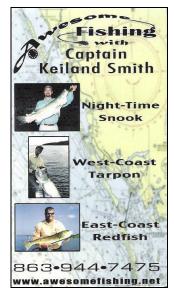
SHIFT+double click: Runs the alternate default command (the second item on the menu)

ALT+double click: Displays properties

SHIFT+DELETE: Deletes an item immediately without placing it in the Recycle Bin







MEMBER PHOTOS, APRIL 2013



At Hunter's Green, we bought our banquet tickets from the friendly crew (1), bid on items at the silent auction (2, 3), called friends to tell them about all the good stuff they were missing (4), helped ourselves to a great buffet dinner (5), then enjoyed the food, friends, and atmosphere for the evening (6, +7, 8, 9, 10 overleaf)

MEMBER PHOTOS, CONTINUED





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My first redfish since I returned to Florida' it measured 19", you can tell from the back ground this fish ended up in the frying pan, a nice meal for 2. It took a deep closure minnow in 18" of water. Regards **Andy Constantinau**

Captains corner: Find refuge from the wind

Tampa Bay Times, Thursday, March 14, 2013



Fly fisherman need flexibility this time of year with frequent cold fronts and windy conditions being the norm. On some of the worse days we went to one of the many rivers that empty into the gulf or bay. When you travel up a river it becomes narrower and is protected by trees and

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often high banks, affording both you and the fish warmth and protection.

Species variety: Snook, jacks, reds, ladyfish and small tarpon can be caught next to bass and panfish. It's best to rig several rods: one with a floating line, another with a clear sinking tip and a third with full sinking line. This way you can fish the shallows as well as deeper water. When sight fishing is not possible, target structure, such as points, feeder creeks, stumps, partially submerged trees and bridges with small flies, size 6-1, that imitate the baitfish you observe.

Tip: Develop a pattern after catching a few fish and concentrate on the conditions that rewarded you.

Fly fisherman Pat Damico runs charters in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpat.com and (727) *504-8649.* Captains corner: Find refuge from the wind 03/14/13 Project Healing Waters Event to be held at Bradenton Yacht Club, Saturday, May 18 2013

Our event last fall at Bradenton Yacht Club was our first saltwater venue and could not have been more successful. Mile Reeves from BYC and his members are going to host another day of fishing that will be the same weekend as the Crosthwait Tournament. Our success was assured because we had interested vets, volunteers from our fly fishing clubs who assisted each vet and boat captains who were available with boats to transport our warriors safely. We are not close to a final head count of vets, but getting adequate support from our fly clubs with both volunteers and boats is needed. A number of our boat captains have guide and tournament commitments for our May event weekend. I am asking for some of our fly club members who have boats to help us so that we will have enough boats to cover everyone. Typically, a flats type boat would have, besides the boat operator, one volunteer and a vet. Larger boats are acceptable and could possibly accommodate another vet and a volunteer. If you could help as either a boat operator or volunteer, please contact Larry Lurie, Regional Coordinator, PHWFF. A 10 a.m. start with a 2 p.m. finish for the fishing was arranged so people could arrive and leave the same day. Registration with coffee and continental breakfast would proceed the fishing and lunch will follow with some awards being presented. Everyone who participated last time had a beaming smile and a very warm feeling inside. Your help will make this grow so that more of our wounded heroes can experience our gratitude for the sacrifices they have made for us.

Healing those who serve,

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

Larry Lurie, Orlando, 407-774-8414, laurencelurie@gmail.com

Mike Reeves, , 813-340-5510, Bradenton Yacht Club

FLY OF THE MONTH

Summer's Tide

As Tied by Layne "Smitty" Smith



The inspiration for this fly was the brain child of my friend Cas Summers. I combined that with a few twists of my own and a modified color variation of Flip Pallot's "Prince of Tides" fly... hence, the name "Summer's Tide". It is a great fly for back country Tarpon or anything that hangs around mangroves... like Snook, Redfish, and the like... Tie one on... you'll like it!!!

Materials:

Hook:	Eagle Claw 245N, Mustad C70S D bendback
	style size 1 - 2/0
Thread:	Black Flat-waxed Nylon
Tag:	Red Holographic Flashabou or Holographic
	Red Body Braid
Body:	Holographic Gold Body Braid (or regular Gold
	Copper or Pearl your choice)
Underwin	g: Badger Hair
Flash:	Polarflash Chartreuse (Hedron #2016)
Wing:	Russian Black Squirrel Tail (or Black Bucktail.
	or Black Bear Hair)

Tying Instructions:

1. Tie in Red Flashabou using 2 or 3 turns for tag.

2. Tie in Body Braid and wrap forward to bendback portion of hook, secure and cut off remainder.

3. Invert hook in vise (if you have a rotary vise, just turn over) so it is in the bend back position and tie in Badger Hair 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 times hook shank length.

4. Tie in Chartreuse Polarflash using V-style method to distribute it evenly over top and sides of Badger.

5. Tie in Squirrel Tail (or Bucktail/Bear Hair) wing. Keep it sparse.

6. Tie a nice head and coat with favorite head cement. (You can add small eyes if you like before cementing.

Fishing Report and Forecast

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

The month of March has been one to bring winds around new moon tides. Therefore I have just a few reports for you. **Neil Taylor** the kayak guide reports red action is good and getting better. Trout action will hits its peak during the next good weather pattern.

Capt. Rick Grassett with clients **Kurt Lange** and his son Charlie from Dallas Tx fished Sarasota Bay and caught trout on Ultra Hair Clousers. At night they fished the dock lights in the ICW in Sarasota and Blackburn Bays. With high winds they were able to catch and release more than a dozen Snook and a Bluefish on a Grassett Snook Minnow Fly. Several other trips also produced Snook and

trout catch and release.

Tight lines Bob Gaulin Waspfly32@gmail.com

Cam Sigler Death

By Mark McGlothlin on 3/25/13 in People of Fly Fishing

Pacific Northwest fly fishers have lost another great one Cam Sigler Sr. was a pioneer in not only the Pacific Northwest, but the world, helping to pave the way for innovative outdoor hunting and fishing products. In the outdoor community he will for ever be known as the man in the "Broad-Brimmed Hat" who brought fishing waders, billfish flies and much more to the fly fishing and hunting industries. His billfish flies won honorable mention as one of the 10 most innovative fishing lures of all time.

Cam was born in 1941 in Plaquemine, LA, but lived all over the country in his youth. In 1962 while in Virginia, Cam married Sue. The family then headed west so that Cam could accept a job opportunity to work for the Eddie Bauer Company. Upon arriving in the PNW in 1968, they asked around for a good place to live and raise a family and it was suggested to try one of the Islands. They moved to Vashon Island, settling on the north end.

After leaving Eddie Bauer in 1986, Cam started his own outdoor business, the Cam Sigler Company. On March 20, 2013 Cam Sr. died at the age of 71, after a year long battle with cancer.

In memory of Cam, he has asked that if you want to show your support to donate to a cause he believed in, please make a donation to the <u>Billfish Foundation</u> in his name. Hat tip Dave McCoy.



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.

- Monthly Meetings with Famous Speakers
- Fly Fishing Outings
- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
- Group Clinics and Workshops
- Fly Tying Lessons
- One-On-One Fly Casting Lessons
- Shirts and Hats with club logo
- 80 Page Beginner's Basic Skills Instruction Manual
- Annual Banquet with International Speakers

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Novice or advanced caster, one of the following coaches can assist you with your casting. Contact one convenient to your location to arrange a casting session.

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Here is a reminder that many members have not yet paid their 2013 Dues. If in doubt, just pay using the form below. If you have already paid, we will give credit for your 2014 membership. Neat, huh?

Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club C/o Rick Valeri, 1404 Oxfordshire Ct. Brandon, FL

