



Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 3 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Invited Speaker
Capt. Rick Grasset



Capt. Rick Grasset, owner of Snook Fin-Addict Guide Service, Inc., is a full time fishing guide based in Sarasota, FL. Specializing in fishing with flies and lures on light spinning tackle, he fishes the bays, back country and coastal gulf waters of Sarasota Bay, lower Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor in his 17' Action Craft flats skiff. He has been guiding since 1990 and is an Orvis-Endorsed fly fishing guide at CB's Saltwater Outfitters, Orvis Outfitter of the Year for 2011, on Siesta Key in Sarasota. He is a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Instructor and the instructor for the Orvis-Endorsed Fly Fishing School at CB's Saltwater Outfitters. Capt. Rick is also a fly tier and designer with 3 fly patterns currently being sold by Orvis.

Featured Fly Tyer
Rick Grasset

Rick will tie his fly patterns currently being sold by Orvis as mentioned above. You will have the unique opportunity to learn how to tie these flies, and can get samples from Orvis to use as models of how they should look after you practice tying them for a while. Good Luck!

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

JULY 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Flyfishers,

Hope you are avoiding the heat while still able to get in some quality fishing.

Thanks to **John Hand** for many valuable tips last month in his talk. I bought a wind sock for my boat and it worked great the first time out. I'm sure everyone picked up something and we are fortunate to have many knowledgeable and friendly folks in our club.

I missed the outing on Lake Calm, but heard it went well. Thanks to **John Millns** for hosting our club on his beautiful lake.

TBFFC members will soon be receiving a copy of the newly approved club bylaws via email. Please keep this publication in a convenient place for future reference.

I'm looking forward to our July meeting. See you then and tight lines.

Walt 

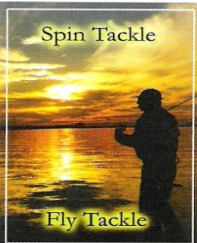
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TBFFC EVENTS

2012-2013 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the remaining meeting dates for 2013; July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4.

Please watch this space for any changes.

TBFFC CASTING CLINIC SATURDAY JULY 6

Where: Compton Park Recreation Center (where we have our monthly meetings)

Date: Saturday, July 6

Time: 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

What: Come and improve your casting skills with our club's world-class instructors. Organized and led by **Steve Parker**.

Who: All skill levels are invited,

What Else: Lunch will be served.

These clinics are very popular, so be sure to sign up at the July meeting.

TBFFC NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

I have had the privilege of editing this newsletter for the last 17 years. However, it is time to let somebody else take over this very rewarding job. I will continue to do the editing through October, 2013, but have decided to step aside when I reach the doddering old age of 80. This may be a bit taxing for someone who is still working full time, but should not be difficult for two people working cooperatively, or someone who is retired. I will be happy to assist with the transition to a new editor(s), and can turn over many previous issues in Word and PDF format, as well as the work saving methods learned over the years.

Thanks and tight lines

Dick Miekka

SARASOTA TARPON TOURNAMENT

The 2013 Sarasota Tarpon Tournament will be held from **May 18th through June 23, 2013**. Fishing begins on **Saturday May 18th** and runs through **Sunday June 23rd**. For an **entry fee of just \$125** you will be competing for not only the overall winner but weekly, junior, and ladies categories as well. Other categories include the "most DNA samples" collected by an angler and the "his and her" categories which were introduced in 2011 and are back by popular demand. Also, the angler winning the fly division as well as the angler with the most registered DNA samples will be invited to participate in the fish-off (introduced in 2012)! The excitement continues on **June 29th** as the five weekly winners compete in a one day "fish-off" to determine this year's winner, with their name to go on our historic trophy! The awards banquet will be

held **Friday July 19th** to recognize all of the 2013 winners.

The tarpon tournament has been a part of the Sarasota community for over 83 years. This year the tournament will again partner with the **Suncoast Charities for Children**. The 2012 tournament was able to donate over \$6500 for the charity.

For more information contact: Mason Tush @ 941.356.8470

Important Dates:

Tournament Kick-off - May 14th Sarasota Hyatt Regency, Tournament Dates - May 18th through June 23rd, Tournament Fish-off - June 29th Sarasota Hyatt Regency, Tournament Banquet - July 19th Sarasota Hyatt Regency

OFFER FROM FRANK SARGEANT

I just wanted to advise your members that they can get a free subscription to my new gig, The Fishing Wire, at www.thefishingwire.com. It's a five-days-a-week email newsletter delivered to your inbox before dawn--useful fishing tips, product stuff, environmental and regulatory stuff from all over. No salesman will call! Thanks for helping to spread the word. Tight lines, Frank Sargeant

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Bob Gaulin is Planning an Overnight Everglades trip for Sept. or Oct**
- **CARL HANSON OUTING** October 19
- **BIG GUN SHOOTOUT** November 17 or 24

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TIPS FOR TBFFC – No. 60

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 43

TAKE US TO YOUR LEADER

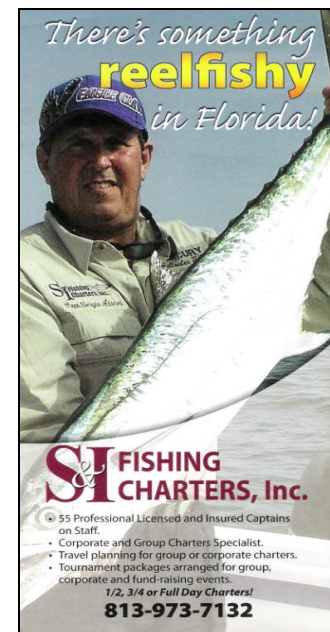
Many of our fly club members avoid the Florida heat and do some stream fishing for trout. Leader selection can be a complex issue, but fortunately there are knotless packaged tapered leaders available that are very cost effective. For small streams, 7 1/2 ft. is a good length; larger streams a 9 ft. leader will work. They will have an X designation, the larger the number, the finer the tippet or section you tie your fly to. Fly size is a good way to select your tippet. Divide fly size by 3. A size 12 fly will require a 4X tippet, a size 18 fly needs a 6X tippet. Changing flies or breaking off fish will shorten the leader. Carry extra spools of different size tippet material to add when needed.

Pat Damico, MCI 

Boating Tips

1. Carry a distress flag on your vessel, boat or kayak. When flag is displayed there is no doubt that you are in need of assistance.
2. During transit, on water or land, face the V-foot of your pushpole forward. The foot will catch on the first pole holder and eliminate the possibility of the pole sliding of the year of your skiff.
3. When poling a soft bottom twist the push-pole as you lift forward, this will break the suction and allow easier removal.
4. Keep a drift-sock on your vessel. This is a great tool to allow you to slowly drift a flat at the most optimum speed and position.
5. Spray Armor-All on the bunks of your trailer. This will allow your skiff to glide easily on and off the trailer. Use sparingly, a small amount makes a big difference.
6. Place a small yard sprinkler under your trailer and allow it to run a few minutes. This will rinse otherwise hard to reach areas on the trailer.

Capt. John Hand 





Remembering Ed Bang

Many of you knew our good friend and mentor Ed. Well Ed passed away the other night in his own bed at the age of 87. About a year or so ago, Ed gave me a word of advice. Find my own special stream, my own special place. While the photo above was Ed's favorite place on Earth, I have no doubt that when he entered the Gates of Heaven, he was greeted by St. Peter, who handed him a 6 foot 5 weight bamboo rod with a Montana nymph already tied on. And St. Peter told him, "Ed, we have lots of special streams up here loaded with trout. Select your stream. Well done my good friend. Thank you for passing on your love of fly fishing to me and so many others. We will miss you. God Bless.

Bill Kalbus

Edward "Bud" Bang, 87, of Riverview, passed peacefully on Thursday, May 30, 2013. He was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church and a veteran of the US Navy. Ed was a professional fly tyer and had his own business, Ed's Custom Tied Flies. He was a member of the Brandon Elks Lodge and Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. Ed was a published author of autobiographical stories. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Geraldine; son, James (Colleen) Bang of Myrtle Beach, SC; and daughter, Deb Lytle of Philadelphia, PA. A memorial mass was held 6 PM Monday, June 3.

Obituary

A memorial Mass for Ed Bang was performed on June 3rd at the Resurrection Catholic Church in Riverview.

Items on a table in front of the altar included a folded United States flag, representing his service in the U.S. Navy, his life time achievement award from the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club and a framed needlepoint of Ed's favorite prayer:

I pray that I might live to
fish until my dying day.
And when it comes to
my last cast, I then most
humbly pray, when in the
Lord's great landing net and
peacefully asleep that
in His mercy I be judged
Big enough to keep
!Nick Colantonio

Here are a few photos I have of Ed. Maybe we can use them again in our newsletter.

Leigh West



Member Photos, July 2013



IS BIGGER BETTER? Back in the UK, **Andy Constantinou** caught these three nice rainbow trout on a size 16 pheasant tail. He explains that “it’s been the hottest day of the year around 79 degrees. Tomorrow it’s back to usual crap English weather, rain and temps of 65 degrees. Good news is I’ll be back in Florida the end of July”

MAYBE SMALLER IS MORE FUN! Then he caught these 3 fish (small, smaller and smallest); he thinks they are dace, at the bottom of his garden on a tiny size 22 white fly. “The smallest fish I’ve ever caught. I was casting my Hardy Jet hollow glass #4 rod which I bought 35 years ago but never used. It’s been used at last. Regards Andy”



Note that, unlike Florida, the water in England is pretty chilly even this late in the year, as witnessed by the fact that Andy’s hand got progressively redder while he caught these three fish

FLY OF THE MONTH
Hell's Bay Popper
As Tied by John Hand



Recipe:

Hook - Gamakatsu B10S #2
Thread – Tan or Brown
Tail – Finnish Raccoon Tan/Gold and Krystal Flash
Body – Foam Strip, Tan
Underbody – Medium Estaz, Root Beer

Tying Instructions:

- 1- Tie in Raccoon and a small amount of krystal flash at bend of hook.
- 2- Position hook point up. Tie in foam strip in front of bend on hook point side from midpoint to bend.
- 3-Tie in estaz. Wrap thread forward 2/3rds of the hook shank. Wrap estaz forward to thread point and tie off. Clip excess estaz.
- 4- Bend foam forward leaving a loop of foam that curves against the hook point. Tie in at thread point.
- 5 - Bend foam back to form a small loop of foam over hook eye. Tie off and whip finish.
- 6 - Cast on a flat and hold on!

Get on the Water ---Bend a Rod !!!

John 🍷

Fishing Report and Forecast
“What a great time to go fishing!”

JULY 2013

On Saturday June 16, 2013 five members of TBFFC fished **John Millns** spring fed lake. **John Comacchia** and **Nick Colantonio** caught bass and blue gills. I got there late but managed to catch a bass and 7 blue gills. **Dick Miekka** was our cheerleader from John's dock. As usual **Jeff Janecek** got to the lake early and ended catching a mixed bag of bass and blue gills (67) was the count. After which we proceeded to have a lunch of brats, peppers and onions, chips and soda or water.

Neil Taylor, the kayak guide reports that a few more fly fisherman (Troy) experienced his first catches of Redfish and snook of fly using slider and a yellow gurgler and finished a slam with a trout.

I received an email from **Robert Fischer** from the keys to report his freezer was full and no more room for all the dolphin fish he had caught while in Marathon. The group he was with also caught skipjack tuna, mangrove and yellowtail snapper.

The action now is Tarpon. **Capt Grasset** reports several of his clients have hooked and brought to the boat several nice tarpons.

Don't be bashful fly fisherpersion; let me know about your catches.

Tight lines
 Bob Gaulin 🍷
Waspfly32@gmail.com

Captain's Corner: Head to docks for fly rod action

By Pat Damico, Times Correspondent

Excerpted from The Tampa Bay Times, Friday, June 14, 2013



What's hot: Lighted docks with good current flow can provide nonstop fly rod action. Trout have been the most consistent species. But redfish, snook, jacks and ladyfish are frequent visitors. They prey on large schools of baitfish and scattered shrimp that take advantage of the plankton that, in turn, are attracted by lights close to the water.

Technique: White flies that match visible baitfish in size and shape will consistently produce. This is a great opportunity to get youngsters and new fly fishers into the action. Northern visitors with 5 or 6 weight fly rods too light for other saltwater species will have a ball watching fish chase and engulf their flies. Seeing fish take a fly is very exciting, especially if it is one you made.

Tactics: Use a canoe, kayak or boat to position yourself within casting range. Quietly anchor or use an electric motor. Night-time temperatures are more comfortable for both you and the fish. Sunscreen can stay at home. Fish quietly and respect dock owners kind enough to leave their lights on.

Fly fisherman Pat Damico runs charters in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpat.com and (727) 504-8649.

WANT TBFFC TO GO TO A RAYS GAME?

Neil Sperling spoke with Joshua from the Rays, who suggested that if we can get 10 members interested, we could have a Fishing Night watching the Tampa Bay Rays. Here is what he wrote:

Please feel free to let me know if the club would be interested in attending Fishing Night at Tropicana Field. Here is all the information we discussed:

Link: www.raysbaseball.com/fishing

Password: FISH2

Remember that if you can get a group of 10+ people, the cost will be \$30 per person. There also won't be any Ticketmaster fees and I can get everyone seated together. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Josh Tartler

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Fish Big Trout in Georgia during October

My name is George Ross. I'm a member of the Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers (TCFF) club. Ray Cannata from our club has booked 3 rooms for a trip to Helen Georgia staying at the River Bend Hotel. Since we are a small group, I am the fifth person and I'm looking for someone who may be interested in sharing the room (\$40.00 per night). Fishing will take place at 3 different locations. The trip is for Oct 21 thru the 25th. Aside from the room cost, there is a \$30 license fee. Breakfast at the hotel may be complimentary but other expenses will be food & gas split. I looked up the River Bend Hotel and it looks great and had very good reviews. Could you pass this information to other club members? I look forward to hearing from you.

Phone [\(727\) 494-7933](tel:7274947933) (cell) (727) 992-5240

Email brross1253@gmail.com

Thanks, George Ross

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