



Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 7 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Invited Speaker

Joe Welbourn

Joe Welbourn founded Carbon Marine after he tried to buy a good tiller handle extension for his small inshore fishing boat. He quickly discovered there were not many to choose from. Joe began experimenting with carbon fiber and soon discovered he could build a great tiller handle and sell it for a fair price. This began a hobby that later turned in Carbon Marine in May of 2007. After years of studying advanced composites Carbon Marine now manufactures carbon fiber based skiff accessories such as platforms, grab-bars, and push-poles for every major skiff builder in the United States and ships those accessories to individuals worldwide. In January 2009 the American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA) recognized Joe Welbourn and Carbon Marine as "an innovative manufacturer" in the composites industry. Carbon Marine is now located at 4712 N. Clark Ave, Suites E-F, Tampa (Drew Park area close to Tampa International Airport) and employs a staff of four technicians building carbon fiber accessories.

Joe will discuss what you should know to successfully select and properly use a push-pole, including the different types of materials used to manufacture push-poles, their advantages and disadvantages, and push-pole types and lengths. Lastly, he will have tips for getting the most out of your push-pole purchase.

Featured Fly Tyer

Walt Durkin

Walt Durkin grew up in West Palm Beach and has fished on and off all his life, including through a 24-year Army career. He returned to Tampa Bay in 1998 where he enjoys fly fishing and the TBFFC. He is a former club president and is currently a member of the TBFFC board of Directors and club co-president. A man of many talents, Walt has built his own fly rods, fished extensively in both fresh and saltwaters worldwide, organized club trips, and tied flies with his own personal flair.

This time he will tie his latest Spoon Fly using reflective lure tape to add maximum flash. Eyes in the rear along with rubber legs will imitate a shrimp, or tie eyes in the front to imitate a minnow. Fly is simple to tie and works on all gamefish.

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AUGUST 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fly Fishers and welcome to the dog days of August.

I fished this morning on the McDill flat with **Rick and Logan Valeri** and **Ted Hagaman** and we caught about 20 redfish. Conditions were perfect and we encountered several large schools of hungry reds. The fish hit top waters and spoon flies. Ted also caught a mullet on his spoon fly much to our surprise!

Thanks to **Rick Grasset** for his informative talk last month. The recipe for tying his **Grasset Flats Minnow** can be found later in this newsletter. Rick is a good friend of the club and really knows his stuff. Please help support him and all of our great guides.

We will start two Project Healing Waters efforts this year, so watch for opportunities to support.

Tight lines, **Walt** 

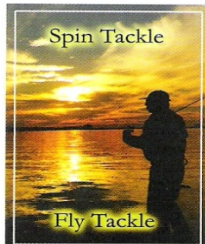
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The next meeting of the TBFFC Board of Directors will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 14. Location TBD.

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TBFFC EVENTS

2012-2013 TBFFC MEETING DATES

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

Please watch this space for any changes.

TBFFC AT FLORIDA SPORTSMAN EXPO

When: Sat. and Sun., Sept.14-15, 2013
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., 10. a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun.

Where: Florida State Fairgrounds, Expo Hall
I-4 and Hwy. 301, Tampa

Club Member Volunteers needed:

Once again our club will have a table next to the casting pond at this show. We will be telling show visitors about TBFFC, demonstrating fly tying, and giving casting lessons at the casting pond. We need members to sign up for 2-3 hours each. We should have at least two members at all times. You will receive free admission to the show (normally \$8), and will have an opportunity to visit all of the exhibits and vendors. **Sign up at our September meeting.** For details, contact Walt Durkin at (813) 476-7128

HEALING WATERS – RESTART & NEW

Update on project healing waters:

. A soon-to-be new member, Deb Brooks, has volunteered to help re-start our Healing Waters Project at the Veteran's Hospital. Deb has moved here from Colorado and already has experience with the program. She will attend our August meeting to join the club and meet members. We look forward to helping her move this worthy project forward.

Additionally, McDill AFB has agreed to a Project Healing Waters for the base starting in the fall. We will meet out there once-a-month to start fly tying. More details to come as we work them out. //Walt

IFFF FL FLY FISHING EXPO OCT 18-19

The Florida Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will hold its 2013 Expo at a nice resort, The Plantation on Crystal River, in nearby Citrus County on Friday and Saturday, Oct 18 and 19. If there is enough interest, TBFFC may purchase a table of 8 for the banquet to be held on Saturday evening.

Headline speakers at the meeting will be Chico Fernandez and Flip Pallot. For more details about the extensive program, navigate online to the IFFF Florida Council home page and click on –Expo-

CCA ALL-RELEASE CHALLENGE 9/20-21

The 29th annual Tampa all-release CCA challenge is set for Sept 20-21 at Tampa Bay Watch.

TBFFC NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

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 do the editing through October, 2013, but have decided to step aside when I reach the doddering old age of 80. The job 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

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Bob Gaulin is Planning an Overnight Everglades trip for Sept. or Oct**
- **CARL HANSON OUTING** October 12 or 25
- **BIG GUN SHOOTOUT** November 17 or 24

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TIPS FOR TBFFC – No. 61

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 44

PRACTICE FOR CASTING EVENTS

Visit a local "Dollar Store" and purchase a couple of Hula hoops. Mount one vertically on a tree or pole in your practice area. Start with a short line and make your forward cast go through the hoop. If your loops are too large, you will fail. Review our casting essentials. When you can do this with a short line, move back a little at a time and increase your line length. Using only your casting hand with line pinched against the cork with your index finger, shoot line when your rod stops seeing how much distance you can add to the cast. Include your line hand as a last step to really get distance. Next tip will make use of your other hoop.

Pat Damico, MCI 🍌

Creating Glossy Surfaces, Part I

How the Solids Content of a Coating Affects the Gloss after Drying

Numerous factors affect the glossiness of a coated surface. These factors include:

- Roughness of the surface being coated
- Ability of the coating to spread on (wet) the surface
- Solids content of the lacquer or other coating material
- Rate of drying of the coating vs. reflow tendency of the coating.
- Volatility of the solvents
- Pigmentation in the coating
- Solvent compatibility with the lacquer solids.
- Mixed solvents vs. single solvent.
- Bubbles in coating
- Dirt, dust, etc. in surrounding air during coating drying
- Air humidity during drying

This article will concentrate on how solids content of a lacquer affects the gloss after drying. Therefore, for the case in point, I will make the following assumptions.

- The coating material is fully dissolved in the solvent or solvent mixture, and does not "precipitate out" during the drying process.
- The surface tension of the coating is low enough to properly wet the article being coated (does not "bead up" on the surface)
- Pigmentation, if present, does not cause any roughening of the dried/cured surface.
- The coating is applied in such a way as to form a mirror-flat bubble-free liquid surface.
- There is no reflow of the coating; i.e., coating viscosity is high enough, or drying rate is fast enough that the solids do not migrate laterally during drying.
- There is no extra preparation of the surface between application of multiple coats (e.g., no sanding)
- There is no atmospheric dust or dirt contamination.
- Moisture in the Air does not affect the drying of the solvent, nor become part of the solvent system during the drying cycle.

Now let us look at how solids content affects the gloss produced by our idealized coating mixture. To do this, let us start with an idealized surface with a measurable roughness characteristic.

Figure 1 shows a flat surface with a vertical sides dropping to an indentation. This could be an idealized representation of adjacent turns of fly tying thread, with a space between them.



Fig. 1

When a wet coating is applied to the indentation, it fills the indentation and flows to form a flat surface. Let us assume that the coating consists of 50% solids and 50% solvent by volume as shown in fig. 2.

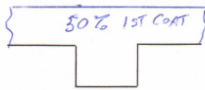


Fig. 2

Now as this coating dries without any lateral flow, the dry thickness becomes just half of the wet thickness, and because the coating was deeper over the low spot, the dried coating will also be thicker at that point as illustrated in fig. 3. In fact, the remaining indentation will be exactly half as deep as the original indentation, regardless of the thickness of the liquid coating applied. That fact will become clear if you contemplate what is going on here.

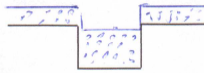


Fig. 3.

Now our object has less (half) roughness than the original uncoated item, but does not have a uniform glossy surface as yet. However, we can make it look better by applying a second coat of our 50% lacquer as shown in fig. 4, which shows both the liquid application and the dried coating.

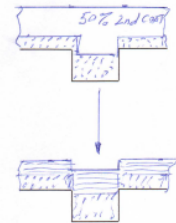


Fig. 4.

Note that the dried coating has just half of the roughness after the first coating, or $\frac{1}{4}$ of the roughness of the original surface. By repeated applications and drying, our 50% solids coating can smooth the original roughness to just $\frac{1}{64}$ th of its original texture in 6 applications, which will be smooth to the eye for all intents and purposes. Actually, less than 6 applications will suffice, because in the real world, the coating will undergo some lateral flow before it sets during drying, which will round the edges of the square depression as well as cutting the depression depth to less than half each time. Note that reflow will be greater for coatings that dry slowly, but of course some unwanted shifting and dripping could also occur.

Now let us look at another case, where the solids content of the coating is just 10%. Fig. 5 illustrates the first application and drying of that coating.

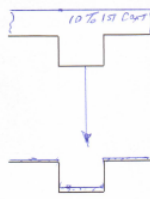


Fig. 5.

For this low solids coating material, the roughness is reduced by just 10%, so 90% of the original texture is still visible after the coating has dried. It will take 39 or 40 coats of the 10% coating to give the same smoothness as 6 coating of the 50% solids. The formula for calculating the **remaining depth** of a roughness element as a fraction (Fr) of the original depth after n coatings is given by:

$$Fr = (1 - \% \text{solids}/100)^n$$

Thus, the secret of the old craftsmen making those beautiful old pieces of glowing furniture was to apply many coats of varnish, paint or lacquer. However, we modern people have the advantage of only needing a single layer if we use a coating that has no solvent (100% curable solids) such as epoxy or UV curable material.

I hope this discussion helps you in choosing coatings for producing glossy surfaces, or for preserving the texture of surfaces by the use of dilute coatings.

Member Photos, August 2013

**Hat Trick**

Walt Durkin took these photos to show our members the *headgear secret* to catching nice fish. Above left, **Ted Hagaman** wore his Snook cap with great success at Honeymoon Island. Ted also achieved the difficult feat of catching a mullet on fly near McDill using his mullet (vegetarian) hat. On the same trip, **Logan Valeri** wore his red (naturally) redfish cap to capture the nice redfish he is holding.

Evidently Walt forgot to wear a cap, so became the trip photographer in each case.

Editors Note: Our club members catch twice as many fish when wearing TBFFC caps over any other type!



Member Photos, August, Continued.

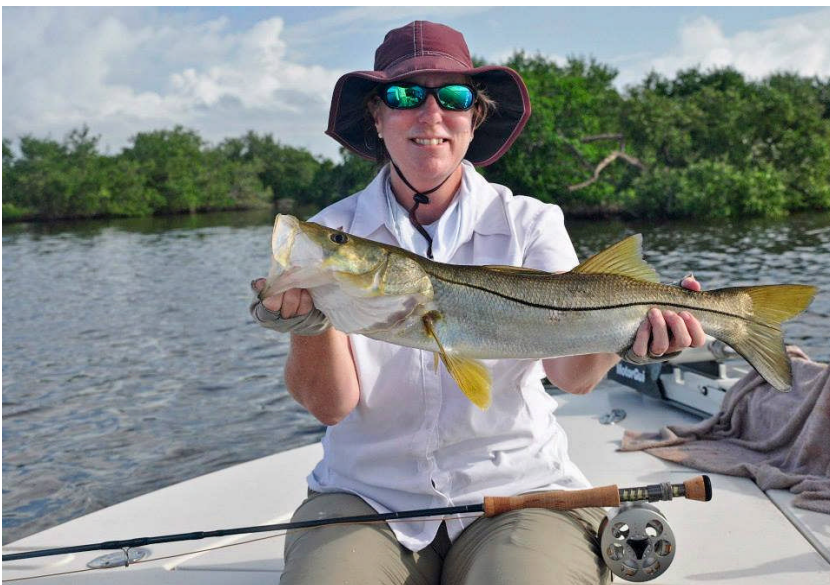


Attendees at the **TBFFC Casting Clinic** on 7/6/13 each significantly improved his casting distance and accuracy in just one morning under the expert tutelage of **Steve Parker**. The sessions consisted of lectures and demos by Steve, but mostly hands-on practice. In the top left photo, Steve started things off by explaining the program for the day to **Jeff Janeczek**, **Ed Fisher**, **John Cornacchia**, **Rick Fender**, new club member **George Ross**, and (cameraman) **Dick Miekka**. At upper right, Steve goes over some casting suggestions with George, and in the lower photo he demonstrates some of the proper movements to achieve tight loops and how to avoid errors such as casting knots.

Member Photos, August, Continued



In addition to teaching casting, **Steve Parker** casts for fish, and landed this nice red in the wee hours before sunrise. He had a great trip with **Capt Bryon Chamberlin** and **Dr. John Teague**, noting that John jumped a nice juvenile tarpon that came out of the water and was at eye level with John. It looked like they were dance partners on the bow of Bryon's boat!



Despite rain, rain and more rain on our recent trip to the Everglades, Rick and **Nanette O'Hara** (left) managed to squeeze in one spectacular morning of backcountry fishing for snook with topwater poppers. Here is one of the many snook up to 27 inches that crushed the poppers.

Finally, as a footnote to last month's photo essay, **Andy Constantinou** sent another photo showing he is still having fun catching very small fish using very light fly tackle. Maybe that is the wave of the future!



FLY OF THE MONTH

Grassett's Flats Minnow

As Tied by Rick Grassett



I developed this fly, which is in the Orvis catalog, for fishing shallow grass flats for reds, snook and trout. I've also done very well on tripletail with this fly. It can be fished to imitate a crustacean or a minnow. It is lightly weighted so you get a jigging type action. This fly is light enough to be used for tailing reds on a thick grass bottom. It can be tied in a variety of colors. My favorite color is olive, but I've also had success with black, white, tan, rootbeer and pink. I usually make the wing match the body (still use white bucktail for the belly and gold flash-a-bou in the wing). You may or may not want to use peacock hearl with the other colors, but I usually do.

Materials

#1, #2 or #4 Mustad 34007 hook
 Medium gold bead chain eyes on the #1 and #2 hook and small gold bead chain eyes on the #4 hook
 Chartreuse thread
 Olive Ice Chenille or Estaz (medium size)
 White and Olive Bucktail
 Gold Flash-a-bou
 Peacock Hearl
 25-pound Orvis Mirage fluorocarbon (for weed guard)

Tying Instructions

-Bend hook slightly $\frac{1}{4}$ way down shank from hook eye (be careful to not bend too much)

-Tie bead chain eyes at bend of hook shank on top of the shank (fly rides hook up like a Clouser, so bead chain eyes are on the side of hook opposite the point).

-Wrap thread back to bend of the hook and tie on olive ice chenille or Estaz. Wrap forward to just in back of bead chain eyes and tie off.

-Tie wing of white bucktail, followed by 6 or 8 strands of gold flash-a-bou (doubled over), then olive bucktail and top with 3 or 4 strands of peacock hearl. Wing should be about $2\frac{1}{2}$ " on the #2 hook and $1\frac{1}{2}$ " or 2" on the #4 hook.

-Add weed guard of 25-pound test Orvis Mirage fluorocarbon. The finished weed guard is 2 strands of 25-pound Orvis Mirage fluorocarbon that extend just beyond the point of the hook. Start by crimping a short piece of leader material into a "V", tie across shank of hook just behind the eye of the hook and then cut to the appropriate length.

- Finish fly by coating head of fly with Flexament.

Rick 

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"

AUGUST 2013

The rain in Florida is not keeping fly fishers of the water. For some time now I was always in need of reports, but this month I have several reports for this column.

One of our new members, **Tom Perkins** was invited to a private pond in Thonotosassa and caught his first fish on a fly. Using a **Jeff Janecek** green spider he caught bluegills and a bass. Way to go Tom.

Neal Taylor sent this report. Lots of jigging trips for black drum and pompano. Struck out on one redfish trip but caught a few big trout on yellow gurglers in about 16 inches of water. The fly "teasers" with the jigs are connecting big on pompano on the slack of the tide. Yellow is best choice for pompano and dark colors with a flash of pink for the drum.

Denise Bruner caught a lot of trout in Montana. She also limited on scallops in Homosassa.

Kelly Bandlow and **Frank Rhodes** guided by **John Faris** on the South Houlston River in Tennessee caught over 80 brown and rainbow trout on #18 dry flies.

Robert Fischer went tarpon fishing with **Bryon Chamberlin**. They got three bites and landed two. Great day said Robert.

A DIFFERENT CATCH:

Capt Rick Grassett fishing with brother **Kirk** and **Rusty Chinnis** came across an osprey struggling on the surface. It was so exhausted it allowed Kirk to cover his head and take it aboard the boat. It was taken to the beach but still could not get away. At that point Rick, Kirk and Rusty called Save our Seabirds who later reported that the osprey was recovering. NICE GOING GUYS. Rick and Kirk also fished with **Capt Rick DePaiva** for tailing redfish. Kirk caught and released a nice slot red on a Grassett Flats Minnow fly.

Tight lines

Bob Gaulin 
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SNOOK SEASON IS SET TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER --SHOULD IT?

Here are two opposing views:

- **Neil Taylor** says NO! "I am on year four of not offering snook as a target species. I hope to add them back in again sometime but on my knowledge and observations, I find the decision to reopen just baffling. Reverse the benefits of three and a half years of protection. Almost like a Gold Rush, when a lot of fish are in the slot or approaching it." Read more at: <http://www.capmel.com/index.php/articles/how-to/755-2013-keep-snook-closed>
- **CCA Florida** says YES! "CCA Florida worked closely with the FWC and others to support the recovery of Snook. CCA is pleased that the FWC kept the west coast closed for 2012 so the species could rebuild. Snook now surpass the FWC's management goals and the species appears to be in good shape statewide."

Captain's Corner: Riding Weather Out

By Pat Damico, Times Correspondent

Excerpted from The Tampa Bay Times, Sunday, July 14, 2013



What's hot: Stable weather is usually necessary for consistent success. This certainly has not been the case lately. During summer, higher tides are the norm and redfish and snook are in areas that are high and dry other times of the year. A good example is flooded mangroves and other structure, creating a place for fish to find food and feel well-protected from overhead predators and bright sun.

Tactics: A bait angler will cast a live offering close to structure and unsuspecting baitfish will swim under the structure into the waiting mouth of a predator. With a fly rod, a cast must be made within inches of flooded mangroves and structure or back into narrow openings where fish can see or hear it. Use larger flies that cause a disturbance to draw fish to the edge of cover. A good choice is poppers in white, yellow or black that float and have a flat surface in front. A slight pull on a tight line creates a "pop," often bringing your intended quarry out of hiding to attack his dinner.

Tip: Cast with the rod held vertically for pinpoint accuracy, but move the rod horizontally to cast close to the water to get under structure. If floating grass is abundant and drapes your hook, select flies with a weed guard.

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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Editor's note: This was published in July with no response—any interest? Please reply to dmiekka@cs.com

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