



Next meeting 7 February

0600 PM to 0900 PM

Speaker: KP Clements

Florida's Trophy Catch Program

TrophyCatch (TC) began on Oct 1, 2012 and was the product from meeting with of many fishing industry leaders. The roundtable included biologists, anglers, fishing guides, small & international industry retailers. This collaboration showed the importance of rewarding for release, better catch documentation and promoting the sport overall. The program is now in its 6th Season and being recognized nationally not only by professional tournament trails, media but also capturing the attention of other wildlife agencies. **Kp Clements** as the TC Director has worked for over 15 years as a sports marketing professional. Partnering with a wide variety of sporting event organizers through the years including all levels of BASS & FLW tournament trails. Kp has been with the FWC (Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission) from the beginning of the TC program and brings promotional skills, sports event management and sponsorship experience to the team.

Tyer: Chris Tripoli

Chris recently moved to Tampa after an assignment to MacDill AFB. An avid trout fisherman, he helped lead our group on the Chattooga trip in November. He is quickly learning the salt water game and already catching a variety of fish on MacDill with his wife Heaven.

Directions to Our Meetings (0600pm): From I-75---Take Bruce B. Downs exit from I-75; go west 2 miles to traffic light, turn left on to 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to February and our winter fishing opportunities. Fish the low tides to sight fish for our favorite game fish.

I hope you all enjoyed our talk by **Capt. C.A. Richardson;** interesting and informative. Please check out his "Flats Class" TV show on the World Sporting Network for great tips and to see C. A. in action. Thanks to **Capt. Pat Damico** for tying his minnow imitation – a sure winner.

We will continue to collect our annual dues in February.

Please see our treasurer, Rick to pay at the meeting or you may mail in your payment. The last page of the newsletter has our application. Also remember our banquet in March. It helps us when you sign up early.

I encourage new members to go to our website (**TBFFC.org**), click on "articles", click on **Wade Fishing Guide** for tips on where and how to fish Tampa Bay.

Eight club members are off to Cuba on Saturday. Wish us luck and we will report back on our adventure.

// Walt Durkin 

EVENTS

- **27 January – Cuba fishing trip**
- **9-10 February - FFI Expo, Crystal River**
- **18 March – Annual banquet**

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Annual Club Banquet 18 March



Annual Club Banquet 18 March. We will host our banquet again this year at Hunter's Green Country Club in New Tampa on Sunday, 18 March, at 3 pm. Tickets are \$50 for one and \$90 for two. Please sign up and pay at a meeting or RSVP to me (walt.durkin@aol.com) and pay at the door. We will have appetizers at 3pm and a buffet at 04:30pm. Look forward to our silent auction with a good selection of over 100 items you may not need but can't resist. We will have drawings for some free stuff. This is a club fund raiser so please Join us for good food, fun and friends.

TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

FFI Florida Council Expo Update. The Fly Fisherman International (FFI) is exclusively dedicated to fly fishing. The FFI and the Florida Council work to promote our sport through conservation and education. Our club is an affiliate member of the Florida Council and I encourage you to consider joining the FFI. Please check out their web site at <http://www.ffi-florida.org/>. Senior membership is \$25 a year. Meanwhile, the date for the **next Expo is 9-10 February 18** at Plantation in Crystal River. That is a Friday/Saturday and the Expo will have exhibits, classes and numerous vendors. It makes a nice day trip or spend the night and attend the banquet. Plantation is a beautiful 50-year-old, 232 acre eco-friendly resort offering comfortable accommodations, a full service spa, and is surrounded by the natural springs of Kings Bay. Special room price for FFI attendees. We will have more info at the next meeting.




Costa de Cocas Trip, 27 Oct to 3 Nov
Capt. Frank Rhodes is starting to collect a \$500 deposit for our annual trip to Mexico for a week's fishing for bonefish, tarpon and permit. Call Frank for details and to reserve your spot: 863-604-6505. This trip is a great value and loads of fun. I go every year and would not miss it.

MacDill Exclusion Zone Open 14 April -
For more information call 459-3704.
Registration form at www.macdillfss.com. Email form to macdillafbevents@gmail.com. Signups start 4 March. This is your chance to fish the exclusion zone for one day via boat.

BoatU.S. has a great on-line course, which earns you a Florida boating certificate. Check it out at: <http://www.boatus.org/courses/#0>

Tips for TBFFC

Do you use a strike indicator? I attended a program on nymph fishing some years ago and the presenter asked this question. Some attendees raised their hand, thinking of the commercial floating indicators or using a large dry fly when fishing a wet fly or nymph on a dropper. How about a small section of bright Amnesia monofilament as a butt section for your leader, a trick I learned years ago fishing for river smallmouth bass with streamers? He then asked the question, "What about the end of your line?" Watching the end of a floating fly line while clients are retrieving a Clouser, streamer or wooly bugger tells me when they have a strike, often without them fully realizing it because of their poor line control or presence of slack. Watching the end of your fly line will help with strike detection but is also a very important casting aid. Learning how much line you can pickup during your cast will eliminate needless false casting trying to load the rod. Practice this on the grass first, then take it to the water. An efficient caster uses a minimum or sometimes no false casting at all. Successful fly fishers have their fly in the water looking like something the fish will eat, not in the air. //Capt. Pat Damico 

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM THE TYING BENCH

By C.W. "Don" Coleman

MAXIMS: "You never step into the same river twice." – Heraclitus

"Always I return to the wilderness, for my heart lies in the far, quiet places." – Service

"Just one more cast" is always a lie.

Argue your limitations and sure enough they are yours.

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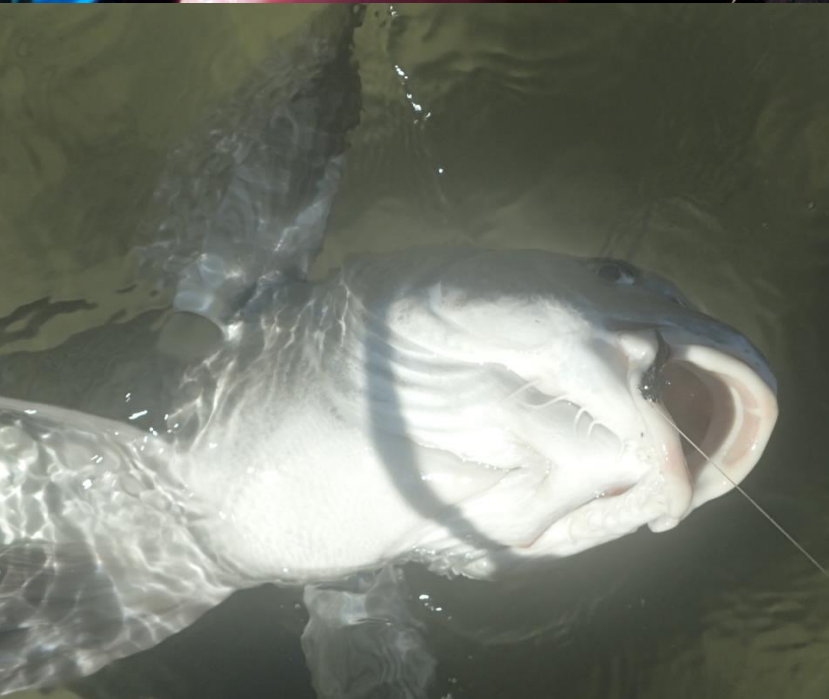
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Cypress Flat, 19 Jan,
low tide produced two
redfish on the outside
sandbar; light wind,
cool, clear water;
spoonbills feeding on
the inside.



Examining the innards of a small horseshoe crab; 8 pound drum and 6 pound red caught on the little crab fly tied at the last meeting, MacDill Flat, 16 January



Robert Fischer fishing in the Louisiana marshes caught a nice red; club member **Rick Gorden** reported hundreds of snook died in the Wacasassa River area from the cold spell in January; **Ken Wainwright** with a red on the MacDill flat.





Capt. Rick Grasset with his usual mixed bag of game fish for clients.
Rick is our guest speaker in March.

Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Capt Pat Damico provides this report from his Captain’s Corner When your day to fly fish arrives, do you hope for a day without wind? Knowledgeable fly fishers know there are many ways to deal with different wind situations. Avoid open water, and select an area that offers protection. Stay close to shore and use many of our bays, the high banks as we see on some rivers, trees, mangrove shorelines, buildings and canal systems. Check wind conditions the day before and plan your trip on paper. Morning easterly winds are frequently followed by winds from the west. A large narrow bay that runs north to south often provides protected fishing all day. Begin on the eastern side in the morning and fish the west side in the afternoon. Explore docks and canals, concentrating on points where tidal flow is optimum. Know where there are grass flats with sand holes and dropoffs. A bow-mounted electric motor controls speed and direction. Employ your preferred anchoring system carefully when a concentration of fish is found. Use a fast action rod, a 7 1/2-foot or shorter leader with a 20-pound tippet. Downsize flies and reduce their weight to make casting and turnover easier. A chop on the water will allow you to get closer to the fish. If the wind has affected water clarity, use darker flies. Baitfish patterns size 2-4 are best. Fly fisherman Pat Damico charters lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpat.com and (727) 504-8649.

Capt Rick Grasset suggests you fish the windows of stable weather between fronts for the best action. Sunny afternoons with some protection from the wind should fish better this time of year due to warmer water. Since the last cold front was relatively short in duration, water temperature should warm back into the 60’s within a few days. There should be good action with trout, blues, pompano and more on deep grass flats of Sarasota Bay. Shallow water action for larger trout and reds should also be a good option.

Kayak guide, Neil Taylor, reports January has been a difficult month. The weather hasn't been good enough to do too much. Times where the trend was good enough the action really was not very good. The fish would eat but only for short periods of time. Hopefully the fronts should become less severe in February and we should be on the brink of great late winter action. That is the anticipation. It hasn't really been anything too exciting for a few weeks now.

The **MacDill flat** is also fishing well with reds, sheepshead and black drum. Fish the lowest negative tides during the New Year. The **Cypress Flat** is also a good choice on the low winter tides. Look for reds outside the sandbar on the low tide and over the grass on the incoming.

Our new traveling club flags are on the move! **Bruce and Patty Anderson** took one to Colorado and **Walt and Frank** took one to the Amazon. Lower right with our trout gear in **Oconee St Park, S. Carolina**.



2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 20 Shad Outing St John's River
- Feb 9-10 FFI Enclave
- Mar 18 Annual Banquet – Hunters Green
- ??? Fly Film Tour in Tampa
- Apr 12 CCA Banquet
- June Beginners Clinic
- July Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct Florida Sportsman Show
- Oct 27 – Nov 3 Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip
- Oct 18 Carl Hanson Outing, Hillsborough River
- Early Nov Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov 18 Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Dec 5 Members Year End Party
- Dec 7 Play Hooky at the Hatchery
- Dec 21 Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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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.

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- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
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