



Next meeting 1 Jun 2016

0600 PM to 0900 PM

Guest Speaker: Kent Price

Montana Fly Fishing

Kent was born and raised in central Pennsylvania. He moved to Florida in 1977 and began fly fishing the rivers and lakes of Pasco County where he lived. By 1980 he was fishing Cockroach Bay for trout, redfish, and snook. He joined the TBFFC and was a member of the first Shootout winning team. As the years passed he began vacationing in the North Carolina mountains for trout. This eventually led him to Montana 10 years ago. He has used the Rock Creek area east of Missoula as a base for his fishing excursions. He will soon retire from the Tampa Electric Company where he has worked for almost 25 years. Kent is making plans for a permanent move to Montana. Kent will talk about the Montana fishing he has experienced. Rivers include the Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Blackfoot, Missouri, The Sun, and of course Rock Creek. He will also talk about small streams, mountain lake fishing, grizzly bears, and bear spray. Kent will bring some of his favorite patterns for you to see.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to June with its thunderstorms and hurricane potential. I hope you have a chance to get out and test our waters for snook and tarpon.

Thanks to **Bryon and Frank** for a great presentation on Christmas Island. They had a good time despite bad weather and travel delays; and, Bryon had great pictures to show in his detailed presentation.

Thanks to **Rick O'Hara** for documenting the fly of the month at our last meeting. See pages 6 and 7.

Please take a look at our club Facebook page and add photos if you wish. This is a great venue to promote our club.

We welcome your input on speakers and outings. Please email me or speak to a board member at our meeting.

Bring your fly rods to our meetings now and practice your casting with expert guidance.

Please note my new email: walt.durkin@aol.com

EVENTS

- Lake Calm outing, 18 June
- Englewood Outing, TBD this fall
- Casting Clinic, Picnic Island, TBD
- Chattooga River trout trip, 8-12
- Big Gun, Picnic Island, 20 Nov

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2016 TBFFC MEETING DATES

This month's meeting is 1 June from 6 to 9 PM.

TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Club Flag Project: At the suggestion of Patty Anderson we are planning to make two traveling club flags. We will have our logo on one side and a club slogan on the other. To this end, we are soliciting ideas for a club slogan. Please put on your thinking caps and email your ideas to me by the July meeting. Members will take our flag on club adventures and include it in cool photos, which we can post on our Facebook page.

Lake Calm Outing, 18 June. Please join the club for this easy and fun outing on Lake Calm in Odessa. The club will provide lunch and drinks. Bring your canoe or kayak to fly fish this crystal clear lake for bass and pan fish. We will open the gates at 06:00 AM and fish till about 11:30 AM and finish with lunch. Take the Veterans north to the Van Dyke road exit, turn left and go to Gunn Hwy. Turn right and watch for Bonnie Cove Lane on your left after about one mile. Turn left on Bonnie Cove and go straight to the property.

IFFF Florida Expo, 4-5 November, Plantation in Crystal River. This is a great event that supports our national organization. Watch this space for more details or check online.

Amazon River trip 1-8 Oct run by High Roller Adventures, call Terry (352) 215-2925. This is a one-week trip to the Amazon fishing for peacock bass and other exotic species. Special low price of \$2950 includes most expenses except air fare and visa. We will fish on the river for six days via a mother boat and skiffs.

Costa de Cocas Mexico Trip 29 Oct -5 Nov. Our annual trip to Mexico still has a couple of openings. This super trip is \$2250, a great value for 7 nights and 6 days of tropical fishing for bonefish, tarpon and permit. Diving on the reef is also available. Great accommodations, guides, food and drinks all included. I go every year and would not miss it. Contact Frank Rhodes captfranksnookon@tampabay.rr.com to reserve your spot.



Tips for TBFFC

Fishing Tandem Flies: Are there times when more than one fly is a good idea. Charles Meck's book, "Fishing Tandem Flies," explains in detail how and why to do it. There are many fresh water applications and also good reasons to use it in saltwater. One of my favorites for both is to combine a surface fly, popper, or large dry, with a smaller fly trailing near the floater. Next time you use a popper, tie a one foot length of tippet material to the popper's bend with an improved clinch knot. Select an unweighted baitfish imitation with a loop knot to the straight eye hook. Bendbacks work very well for saltwater, terrestrials for fresh. How many times have you had a large fish follow the popper and turn away? The popper's commotion gets him to the area and the trailer will close the deal. Cast as you would a weighted fly by opening the loop a little to prevent tangles. Worse case scenario is to have two large fish on at one time! Which do you land first? A fun problem that I hope you experience soon. **Damico, MCI**

Random Thoughts from the Tying Bench

By C.W. "Don" Coleman

GREEN AND GOLD -- This wonderful bend-back pattern was developed by Leigh West of the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. Leigh usually ties this pattern on a 2/0 standard length saltwater hook. Here are Leigh's own words, "This fly is easy to tie and it's virtually weed-less and maintenance free. It doesn't resemble any type of baitfish, and is a more subdued attractor pattern. It just happens to look right in place over the grass flats and yellow sand pot holes in our area. The Flashabou sides give the fly a lot of flash and movement, even when worked slowly. This fly works well on redfish, snook, and trout. Scale down the proportions and hook size for winter/clear water situations and for tailing redfish." It is tied as a bend-back with all of the components of the wing tied in immediately behind the hook eye.

Here is how to tie Leigh's Green and Gold: Debarb and sharpen and bend the hook. Then wrap on a gold flashabou body and overwrap with vinyl rib or 20 pound clear monofilament. Wing the fly with alternating layers of gold flashabou and soft brown or olive bucktail. Use two sparse layers of bucktail with the first layer being 1 1/3 times the hook length and the second layer 1 2/3 times the hook length. Top the fly with a generous (as large as preceding layers combined) amount of peacock herl twice the length of the hook. Tie in lateral lines with several strands of gold flashabou. Then build a brown thread head and whip finish.

Project Healing Waters

Pat Damico attended this event in Pennsylvania where Project Healing Waters provided a tracked wheel chair to Mike Brojakowski ,a Vietnam veteran.

"Now I can go in the woods, go ice fishing. Anything I want to do, this will do it," Brojakowski said.

Mike has been through a lot since coming home from Vietnam. He missed his days in the outdoors.

"He actually cried tears of joy and so did three, four of the people in our program," said a representative of Project Healing Waters. "He is ecstatic, and we are thrilled for him because now he's going to be able to go to a lot of places and fish where he hasn't been able to do since he was young."

Mike's chair is just one example of how Healing Waters is about more than just getting veterans out to fish. It's about helping them year round and giving them the respect they deserve.



Jeff Janecek's Twin Tail Popper

May, 2016

Materials List:

Bodies and Hooks – Wapsi Perfect Poppers, Size 6
Body Paint – Chartreuse jig head paint (available at Bass Pro)
or model paint
Legs – Montana Fly Co. Centipede Legs, Speckled White, Size Medium
Ice Chenille – Chartreuse, size medium
Feather – One neck feather, dark
Adhesive – Fletch-tite cement

Other Tools Needed:

Drill bit for making holes in bodies for legs – 1/32 inch
Metal bobbin threader for pulling legs through bodies

Tying Instructions:

Paint bodies.

Glue body to hook with Fletch-tite.

Drill two holes crosswise in body in an “X” pattern for legs to be pulled through.

Tie one leg, doubled around the thread at the back of the body, with tying stopped just before the hook bend.

Keep the legs spread apart by tying thread around each leg to pull it slightly to the side.

Cut the legs to about 1 ¼ inches.

Tie in the chenille at the point where the legs “V” and tie forward to the body and tie off.

Palmer the neck feather between the chenille and the body and tie off.

Whip finish the thread at this point and cut it.

Use Fletch-tite to cement the thread.

Push the bobbin threader through one of the cross-body holes, insert one leg doubled and pull back through the body until there is an equal length on both sides of the body.

Repeat the same process in the other hole.

Cut legs on both sides of the body to about 1 ¼ inches and go fishing with it.



Bryon Chamberlin's Bonefish Fly

May, 2016

Materials List:

Hook – Mustad SL11-3H, Size 6

Eyes – Bead chain or lead, depending on desired sink rate

Thread – Pink

Body – Firefly Flash, Pearl

Legs – Sillilegs, Amber

Wing – Enrico Puglisi Foxy Brush, 3", Sand color

Cement – Sally Hansen Hard as Nails

Tying Steps:

Place hook in vise, hook point down.

Coat ¼ of hook shank back from the eye with head cement.

Tie in thread, starting at eye and work back about 1/8 in. and tie in eyes.

Wrap thread back to the start of the hook bend.

Double one Sillileg around the thread and tie it in at the start of the hook bend.

Cut legs to about 1 ¼ inches.

Cut off a small clump of Foxy Brush and tie it in just in front of the legs so it extends back about 2 hook lengths.

Using the thread, build up the body of the fly between the space where the brush is tied in and the eyes.

Move the thread back to where the brush is tied in and tie in 3-4 strands of flash doubled around the thread.

Advance the thread to the eyes.

Palmer the flash around the body closely up to the eyes.

Tie it in behind the eyes and cut off the excess.

Coat the body with Sally Hansen and allow to dry, then apply a second coat for durability.

Turn the fly over, hook point up in the vise.

Cut another small bunch of Foxy Brush and tie it in ahead of the eyes on the bottom of the hook.

Whip finish the head, coat it with Sally Hansen and take it fishing!



Capt Frank Rhodes with Capt Steve Parker caught the big redfish below in Tampa Bay.



Andy Constantinou caught the nice snook fishing the docks at night.



Captain Rick Grassetto guided his clients to good tarpon fishing this month. Fishing for tarpon should be good for the next few months off our beaches. Take advantage of several guides in our club who specialize in fly fishing for tarpon.

TBFFC Cookbook Project

TBFF Cookbook Update

We are getting excited! Our Club is proving its culinary skills as recipes are being submitted for the cookbook. We have some excellent submissions - some of them are noted to be historically authentic. We also have obtained a few family "secret" preparations that we had to threaten to break a rod to acquire! However, we need many more before we take this to publication. Do not miss out in having your recipes included! Encourage your fishing buddy to submit the recipe for that great dish you loved at the Christmas party or the Shad Outing. Email them to andersonmailbox@gmail.com or bring them to the next meeting.

We will include your name on the recipe so make sure you provide it. If hand written, please write legibly so we will not make mistakes in deciphering the ingredients, leading to a kitchen disaster! Also be sure to include exact directions, including cooking times, oven temps and specific amounts of the ingredients. Recipes may be for appetizers, outdoor/camp grilling, salads, soups, main courses, deserts, or even drinks!

Depending on the response, we may not be able to include every recipe submitted, and we may not have time to test each of the recipes, so be sure all information to create the special dish is included.

If you have any great pictures of fish or club outings using your recipes, or a favorite fly fishing quote feel free to pass them along as well, to embellish the book.

We would like these sent within the next month, so we can get this project underway, so don't delay and forget or we will be missing out on your culinary finesse!

Send recipes to:

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Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Capt Pat Damico provides this report from his Captain’s Corner: Super catch-and-release snook fly action has begun. Snook continue to proliferate in our area. Sight-fishing is heating up with large females and groups of courting males easily seen when anglers pick early mornings with bright sun and easterly winds. The importance of tidal flow will put large numbers close to passes, especially if there is structure, debris, points, rip-rap or offsets, which give them additional protection. A boat is not needed unless it takes you to an isolated hot spot. The keys are to bring good polarized glasses with side shields and a hat with a wide, dark underside brim, and to stay on the sand. Beaches with a higher viewpoint are ideal. Avoid the low sun, which casts your shadow over the fish; they will be very close to the sand and usually occupy the troughs there. Stay out of the water and cast parallel to the sand. An 8-weight fly rod with a floating line is good, but a clear sink tip line is better, especially if there is any wave action that gives your fly a deeper, more lifelike presentation. White, lightly weighted baitfish patterns size 1/0 to 2 are the best. Select a fish that is facing you and place your fly close enough so that the fish can see it. A 30-pound shock tippet of hard monofilament with a loop knot will cover terminal tackle requirements. Check your back cast when starting; make sure curious beachgoers aren't nearby.

Capt Rick Grassette reports tarpon fishing in the coastal gulf should be good, depending on conditions, as we head towards a full moon next weekend. Snook season is closed now on the west coast of Florida, but catch and release night snook fishing around lighted docks and bridges in the ICW or in the surf with flies and DOA Lures should also be good. Look for reds, snook and big trout mixed with mullet schools or cruising shallow flats and edges of bars in backcountry areas of Charlotte Harbor and lower Tampa Bay. Trout, Spanish mackerel, bluefish and more should be good options on deep grass flats of Sarasota Bay.

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports It has been a great stretch. The action for trout has been easy. Late spring, the options are almost limitless. Get out before the dreadful heat of summer settles in. The Captain Mel Classic, largest redfish was caught on a fly I tied.

Capt Steve Parker reports he just returned from Lake Okeechobee. First half day caught 40 + fish. About 6 of them were oscar. It is very easy fishing- almost a fish per cast. We used surface cork poppers. We used an airboat to get to remote areas. Lots of gators and snakes.

Club member **Greg Stepanski** reports some pretty big Spanish are in the upper bay around **Picnic Island**. They seem to be going after clousers with a long shank. In fact he out fished my son who was using live bait 6-2 with some of the macks in the 4-5 lb category.

Walt Durkin reports pretty good action on the MacDill flat. The underwater grass (plants) are coming back strong and covering a lot of the flat. I found a few tailing redfish on two days this month. Reds are cruising slowly over the grass probably looking for crabs. A brown seducer caught two nice reds and a snook. The seducer is a simple and effective shallow water pattern tied with just feathers and thread. Ted Hagaman caught 6 snook from 18 to 22 inches on a Puglisi minnow pattern. You can spot big snook on the flat, but they are harder to catch. Strong tides in June should produce good conditions in many areas. Start to be aware of and watch for afternoon thunderstorms.

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 8-10 Annual Shad Outing, St Johns river
- Jan 13 FWC Snook Symposium
- Feb 8-14 Christmas Island one week trip
- Mar 5 Casting Clinic at Maximo Park
- Mar 6 Annual Banquet
- Apr 22-23 TBFFC Everglades Weekend Trip
- Jun 18 Lake Calm Outing
- Oct 1-8 Amazon River Trip
- Oct 8-9 Florida Sportsman Show
- Oct 29-Nov 4 Xcalac Mexico One-Week Trip
- Nov 4-5 IFFF Expo Plantation in Crystal River
- Nov 8-12 Chattooga River Trip in Georgia
- Nov 20 Big Gun Shootout, Picnic Island
- Dec Play Hooky at the Hatchery

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.

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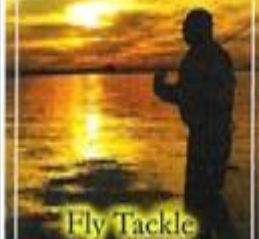


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