

**Next meeting 6 July 2016
0600 PM to 0900 PM**

**Guest Speaker: Zack Jud
Tracking Gamefish on the Move**



Biography : Dr. Zack Jud, Director of Education at Florida Oceanographic Society, is a marine ecologist whose research focuses on human disturbance in coastal ecosystems. Zack holds a Ph.D. in biology from Florida International University and an M.S. in marine biology from Florida Institute of Technology, and has been a Bonefish & Tarpon Trust collaborating scientist for the last 11 years. From snook and snapper, to tarpon, bonefish, and permit, Zack has used a variety of tagging and tracking techniques to learn how, when, and why fish move, in order to better protect their homes. Zack has been a devout fly angler since the age of 12 – a passion that led him to career studying and protecting gamefish. Zack started working in the fly fishing industry in college, and is a casting instructor and competitive fly caster (placing second in the 2015 Big Gun Shootout). He has been featured on ESPN and Outdoor Life Network, and writes a monthly column for Coastal Angler Magazine. Much of Zack's research has been carried out in his home estuary, the Indian River Lagoon.

Summary: Ecosystem-based fisheries management – protecting entire ecosystems and all of their moving parts – is one of the best ways to conserve multiple fish species at the same time. For ecosystem-based fisheries management to work, scientists need to understand how fish utilize different areas throughout their life, so those areas can then be protected. The tools that biologists use to track fish movements have evolved considerably over time, from simple external “spaghetti” tags to more sophisticated acoustic and satellite-based tags. Today, a fish’s unique DNA fingerprint can even be used to track its long-term movements. Join us to learn how advances in fish tagging and tracking have led us to critical bonefish spawning sites, shown us how snook migrate within our coastal rivers, and revealed the role that mangrove wetlands play as juvenile tarpon nurseries.

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 July and I hope you are staying cool and finding time to fish early and late in the day.

Thanks to **Kent Price** for an interesting presentation on trout fishing in Montana. Kent showed great pictures and we wish him well as he transitions from Florida to Montana.

Thanks to **Dale Garcia** for tying the fly of the month. This fly has proven a winner on our trips to Mexico in the fall for bonefish and permit and should work on redfish.

We have lots of things going on the rest of the year so check your schedules and mark your calendars. I hope you can attend many of these events.

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

We will draw for a guided trip this month at our meeting for all members present. (**Capt Rick Grassette**)

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

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

// Walt 

EVENTS

- Englewood Outing, 1-2 October
- Casting Clinic, Picnic Island, TBD
- Chattooga River trout trip, 13-17 Nov
- Big Gun, Picnic Island, 20 Nov

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2016 TBFFC MEETING DATES

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

TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Club Flag Project: Patty Anderson is working hard on sewing our 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 flags on club adventures and include it in cool photos, which we can post on our Facebook page.

Lake Calm Outing, 18 June. About a dozen club members enjoyed our outing on beautiful Lake Calm. Despite a dismal forecast, the weather was fine with sunshine and a light breeze in the morning. Jeff Janecek caught more bass and bream than he could count and the rest of us mortal fishermen did okay. Ed Fisher got a nice three pound bass. Thanks to Patty and Bruce Anderson for providing a great lunch of watermelon, cole slaw and Cuban sandwiches. Finally, thanks to Dr. John Millns for generously letting us use his property on the lake. It was nice to see John again and swap stories.

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.

FFF Fair: The Federation is having its Annual Fly Fishing Fair in Livingston, MT August 2-6. They are requesting donations in the form of fly fishing equipment, trips, etc. for the auction. Please send any donations to Jessica Atherton (jessica@fedflyfishers.org).

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.

Costa de Cocos 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.



TBFFC NEWS & NOTES, CONT.

Orvis Outfit For Sale: Club member **Jim Reagan** has the following saltwater fly fishing equipment for sale: \$300.00

Orvis 9' 9 wt. Clearwater fly rod
Orvis Mid-Arbor Access IV reel with Clearwater Access Saltwater Line
Extra Orvis Mid-Arbor Access IV spool

Any interested member can contact Jim at jnreagans@aol.com or 813-600-8989.

Chattooga River Trip. We have changed the dates of this trip to 13-17 November. We are staying in the log cabins at the Oconee State Park in S Carolina. We have reserved cabins 18, 19 and 20. Please see me or **Ted Hagaman** at the next meeting if you would like to go. The Chattooga, a Wild and Scenic River, is fairly easy to wade and really beautiful. We will fish the delayed harvest season (catch and release) for rainbows, browns and brook trout.

Two Memorial Outings: I added two more outings to our list at the end of the newsletter. On 23 October we will have our annual **Carl Hanson** Outing on the Hillsborough River with the Suncoast Club. This is a great morning of fishing followed by lunch. We also have a friendly competition with the Suncoast for the most or biggest fish. Additionally, the Suncoast will host the **Don Coleman** Classic on the 18 December at Ft Desoto. More details to come on this outing at which we remember the life of Don Coleman. Don and Carl were both icons of local fly fishing and fondly remembered by many anglers.

Englewood Outing. We will fish out of Buchan's Landing Resort the weekend of 1-2 October. Make your own reservations for this informal outing. Members will bring boats and fish the Englewood area for trout, snook and redfish. The resort is inexpensive, comfortable, and includes dock slips. Address: 599 W Dearborn St, Englewood, FL 34223 Phone:(941) 474-5100



Tips for TBFFC

Fishing and Golf. As a retired dentist, I am often asked about my golf game. Don't all dentists golf? I tell people I might take it up when I get older and can't fly fish anymore. As a guide and teacher of fly fishing, a fly fishing neophyte will ask to fly fish with me and also for me to give them casting help, all on the same outing. I never played golf. Imagine my son, a very good golfer as well as fly fisher, asking me to play a round of golf with him and his golfing buddies who are scratch golfers. To become proficient in either sport it takes a lot of patience and practice, perfect practice. **Damico, MCI**

Mimic your Back cast. To simplify your casting, try to mimic your forward cast with your back cast. On the back cast, your rod naturally loads as you pick up line from the water. After you complete this move, you will tend to stop the rod high and let it unload. Do the same thing on your forward cast. After your line straightens, simply move the butt of the rod forward, feel the rod load and **stop it early**. The rod will cast the line 60 feet or so even if you don't haul much. To increase distance, simply work on the timing of your double haul. **//Walt**

Random Thoughts from the Tying Bench

By C.W. "Don" Coleman

CASTING DISTANCE. Many beginners ask how far they should be able to cast to fish in saltwater. The Federation of Fly Fishers established criteria for certifying casting instructors. To be "Certified," a caster must be able to cast 75 feet, which they claim is what an expert fly caster can obtain. To obtain a Master's certification, a caster must be able to cast 85 feet, which the Federation believes can only be obtained by world class fly casters. Most flats guides and experienced flats fishermen can reach those distances without thinking about it, and don't believe that they are world class casters. But to the point of their question, I think that a saltwater fly fisher should be able to search the water with 60 foot casts all day long, and extend their casts to 70 or 75 feet when needed. These distances are easily obtainable by most fly fishers if they practice while using the right casting style. You must be able to double haul and mend line as necessary. Casting technique and timing, not more muscle strength and power, is the answer. There is no reason to have a tired arm or sore shoulder.

Saltwater Wading Booties: Tips For Comfort And Product Durability

I own several pairs of neoprene wading booties. I like them because they are light and flexible, easy to clean and dry, the soles are resistant to fouling by mud, they are fairly cut resistant (and can be repaired easily with silicon glue) and because I never get blisters using them no matter how far I walk or wade. I have a few different of sizes of them because I fish in and out of waders, and because of color and fit differences between brands.

Whether or not I wear waders depends on water quality (urban location, known presence of bacteria/viruses, summer, e.g.) and air/water temperatures. I typically place water-resistant, removable insoles into the booties because they improve comfort and may decrease the likelihood of a puncture or cut to either my feet or the Wader foot. With or without waders, I insure that I buy the right size bootie by trying them on while using the insoles, cotton/wool socks, neoprene socks/gravel guards, etc. I plan to use with them.

After fishing, I immediately remove the insoles, and I rinse the insoles and booties with fresh water to remove sand and salt. I fashioned coiled wires, which look like springs, out of clothes hangers, to insert into each bootie to facilitate drying. I have had several pairs of various brand booties that have lasted for years, and none have ever developed an unpleasant odor with proper care. As per the manufacturer, don't leave the booties in direct sunlight. It's always best to dry and store them in a low humidity environment and minimize temperature extremes. If they are difficult to put on or zip when dry, pre-wet the bootie.

Leigh West, TBFFC member



Fly of the Month

Dale Garcia's Dark Meat

Materials

Hook - Gamakatsu SL11-3H #8

Eyes - Small lead eyes

Flash - Black Krystal flash

Legs - Sili Legs Perfectly Barred Brown

Crab eyes - EP Crab eyes

Body - EP-Crustaceus Brush

Wing - Brown EP type hair



Start thread at eye and wrap back to hook point and back to about 1/8 inch from eye and tie on small lead eyes on top of hook.

Tie one doubled piece of Krystal flash on back of hook.

Double one leg and tie on top.

Tie two crab eyes facing backward extending just past hook bend.

Tie in brush just behind hook eye and Palmer to behind lead eyes

Wrap thread between eyes and brush to keep brush back.

Advance thread to between hook eye and lead eyes and tie off. Cut thread.

Trim brush to desired shape.

Tie in wing of EP type fiber.

Trim legs and flash to twice hook length.

Lake Calm Outing: Ed Fisher landing a bass;
Leigh, Walt, Ted, John; Leigh, Brenda, Patty,
Bruce; a fat blue gill, one of many we got





Ted Hagaman caught these two beach snook while at Boca Grand this summer. He fished a Puglici fly most of the time and one day had a personal record 39 snook on fly. **Andy Canstantinou** caught the two rainbows at Latimer Park Lakes in Buckinghamshire, UK. Both caught on size 16 gold head black buzzer under an indicator.



Craig Smothers (above) was invited up to the Big Bend Fly Fishers meeting to teach fly tying early in June. The following day he fished the Gulf near Tallahassee and saw trout, redfish and cobia. Craig sight-fished mackerel on what turned out to be a perfect day. **Craig will tie beach snook flies at our meeting.**

Leigh West fishing with Jay Wright jumped and landed the tarpon above while beach fishing.



Captain Rick Grassette guided his clients to good tarpon fishing in June. **The club will raffle a half day trip with Rick at our meeting.** Fishing for tarpon should be good for the next few months off our beaches. We are very fortunate to have this fishing opportunity minutes from local boat ramps along our coast from Tarpon Springs to Sarasota and more. It's quite a thrill to see a majestic tarpon close in on your fly. Take advantage of several guides in our club who specialize in fly fishing for tarpon to learn how to catch one of these magnificent fish.





Rich Gorden just got back from the CCA Inter-chapter Challenge. He fished with the Naples chapter and caught the biggest trout, 30". His boat won team trout and Naples chapter won overall champions.

Earlier in June Jim Adams and Rich fly fished for tarpon out of Homosassa several days. They jumped a couple and Rich fought one big one for over an hour and a half before breaking him off.





Jack Hexter fishing Lake Taneycomo the tailwater of the dam at Table Rock Lake, MO. He caught about 20 fish up to 20" that morning.

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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mail: Patty Anderson

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Tampa, FL 33618



Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Capt Pat Damico provides this report from his Captain’s Corner: This is the best time of year to catch big tarpon on fly. Stories of needing two hours to get a silver-side to the boat are common. Is this necessary or even good for both fish and angler? When a bucket-size mouth inhales your small fly, usually a size 1 or 1/0, and you manage a successful hook set, then what? The fish instantly reacts, usually jumping and heading away. If you raise the rod and let her run against the drag, you can have an empty spool. Tackle should be adequate, 11 weight rod, good large arbor reel, smooth drag with 30-pound test backing. Many good guides will use a 40- to 60-pound shock tippet attached to the fly. Skipping the lighter class tippet, used mostly for record book work, will give you a mechanical advantage. Immediately concentrate on keeping the fish off balance and confused. You must bow when they jump, giving slack to prevent breakoffs. And put as much pressure as possible on the fish. When the fish goes right, with rod tip low, apply pressure to her left side. Getting the line over the fish and off balance is helpful. Keep a moderate bend in the rod to prevent rod breakage. Avoid rest for you and the fish to shorten the fight and release a healthy fish.

Capt Rick Grassette reports tarpon fishing in the coastal gulf should be good next week depending on conditions, as we head towards a full moon this month. Trout, bluefish and more should also be good options on deep grass flats of Sarasota Bay. 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 with flies and DOA Lures should be another good option.

Club member Dave Eddy reports he's continuing to have success with Pompano at Indian Shores beach - using an intermediate sink tip line and closure minnows with chartreuse/pink colors. "Frankly, the sizes I'm catching are pretty ordinary but these fish are more fun per minute than anything I've ever caught in freshwater."

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports conditions remain good. The water is getting hot, but the fish remain active. Action is best from 5:30 to 8 in the morning or at night. Midday action is limited to drum and pompano. Drum are possible on the fly if they come to the surface, usually near the pilings of any of our main bridges in the Bay. Pompano, tougher on fly, can be caught if you use a very heavily weighted fly and sink it close to the structure.

Walt Durkin suggests try to fish early or late in the day and drink plenty of water. I fished twice last week off of Ft Desoto for tarpon and saw a few, but no takers. We also found snook on the beach off Shell Island and had some good shots. I had a couple of follows but no hookups. Nonetheless, this is a good beach to walk in the morning with a calm surf. Try small white flies on a light 20 pound leader. We also poled the flat inside of Shell Island and found reds and snook. They were spooky, but we had a couple of good follows. I fished MacDill on 29 June and found a few reds near the mangroves on a high tide. A red and yellow seducer fooled a nice red, which got into my backing. Several snook were cruising the flat, but got no action from them.

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 23 Carl Hanson Outing on the Hillsborough
- Oct 1-2 Englewood Outing at Buchan's Landing Resort
- Oct 29-Nov 5 Xcalac Mexico One-Week Trip
- Nov 4-5 IFFF Expo Plantation in Crystal River
- Nov 13-16 Chattooga River Trip in Georgia
- Nov 20 Big Gun Shootout, Picnic Island
- Dec 9 Play Hooky at the Hatchery
- Dec 18 Don Coleman Classic at Ft Desoto

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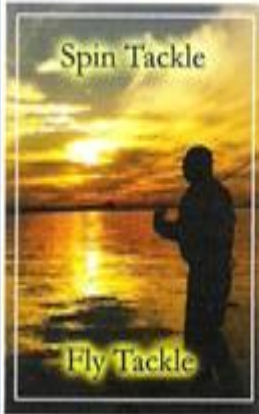


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