



**Next meeting 5 August
0600 PM to 0900 PM**

Speaker: Kelly Sobczak

Kelly and her husband Wes moved to Tampa from Alaska a few years ago and are good friends and members of our club. They are avid fly fishers and like to continually try new venues around the world for their outdoor adventures. Kelly is an environmental engineer, thus gets to travel and explore exotic places for work. Kelly will provide details and photo's on a DIY trip she and Wes took this spring to Southeast Florida where they caught a variety of fish including bonefish and peacock bass. Please join us for an entertaining and informative evening.

Tyer: Ted Hagaman Avalon Permit Fly

Ted is a long time club member and an experienced salt and fresh water fisherman. He fishes extensively from Waccasassa, Fl to Boca Grand and in the Bahamas, Mexico and Alaska. Cuban guide, Mauro Ginevri, developed this fly as a shrimp imitation for permit in Cuba. The Avalon Permit Fly has accounted for 134 permit in Cuba alone, and more results are starting to come in from other parts of the Caribbean. I have found it is also effective in Florida waters for redfish, snook and trout. Find instructions on YouTube or at <http://www.flyfisherman.com/uncategorized/avalon-permit-fly/>. Come watch Ted tie this pattern, which we will soon fish in Cuba.

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

Thanks to Dr. John Millns and his daughter, Laura for their skin screening of club members last month. We have Dr. John come by every other year to make sure we are taking care of our skin. Please remember to cover up and use a good lotion when outdoors. And, thanks to Logan for tying a tarpon fly for us. You can still find tarpon on the beach and there are many in the bay.

Speaking of which, while snapper fishing under the Gandy Bridge, I caught and landed a 60lb tarpon on a 1/8th ounce Doc's Goofy Jig. What a surprise when that fish took off and made his first jump! We also got four nice Mango's.

We need club members to work the fly casting pond at the Florida Sportsman Show on 11-12 Sep. We will have a signup sheet at the next meeting. You will get free parking and admission if you can help for a couple of hours.

Please note two club members were in the last two issues of the Florida Sportsman magazine. Mike Hodge wrote an article on fly fishing on the East Coast and Nanette O'Hara was pictured this month with a nice redfish.

// Walt Durkin 

EVENTS

- Cuba trip: 7-16 August
- **CCA Photo Release Tournament: 19 Sep**
- **Sarasota MCFF/CCA fly fishing challenge: 17 Oct**
- Mexico trip: 17 to 24 October
- FFF Enclave, Miami: 23, 24 October
- Chattooga river, Georgia: 10-15 November

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2015 TBFFC MEETING DATES

This month's meeting is 3 Aug from 6 to 9 PM.

TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Club Facebook. Please visit and like the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club on Facebook to keep up-to-date with club meetings and events. We also share tips about what's biting now, advice on casting and fly-tying, and news about fisheries conservation. And, we love to share your fishing photos, so don't be shy! The Facebook page is also a great way for members to connect with one another and share knowledge about fly fishing. The page is at [Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club](#)


10-15 Nov , Chattooga River Outing. Ted Hagaman and I will travel to Georgia by car to fish the Chattooga along the Georgia, S Carolina border. We will travel one day, fish four days and return the last day. We will stay in the historic log cabins at Oconee State Park (864-638-5353) in S Carolina, near to the fishing. Ted is experienced in fishing the river and he and I can get folks started on how and where to fish. The Chattooga is designated a wild and scenic river and is fairly small and easy to wade in the areas we will fish. Members wishing to join us for all or part of the trip should make their own reservations. We can also talk about car pooling if desired. Check out the river and the park online and let us know if you want to come along.



CCA STAR Tournament. STAR anglers will compete for a total of nearly \$500,000 in prizes and college scholarships during the summer long tournament which runs from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Talk to any of our CCA members for more details. The first big prize of a brand new truck was awarded to an angler who just caught a tagged red in Cockroach Bay. Next winner will get a Hells Bay boat.

7-15 Aug – Trip to Cuba. Captain Phil Thompson helped four club members book a week's fly fishing to Cuba with Avalon. We will fish from a houseboat with seven guest cabins that accommodate two anglers each. We will fish the Jardines De La Reina, a vast marine park bigger than the Florida Keys. Flights and visa's were easy to obtain from Caribe Travel in Tampa and we look forward to a great trip. We will provide details of our adventure at a future club meeting. **We are seeking flies to try out in Cuba and leave with the guides post trip.**

19 Sep - CCA Tampa Photo All Release Challenge will be held at the Tampa Bay Watch Marine Center in Tierra Verde. Registration, dinner and the captain's meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Friday (18 Sep). Fishing is Saturday beginning at 6:30 am. For additional information please contact Don Roberts (813) 918-4779 or Morgan Lynch (850) 345-6627



Tips for TBFFC

Since most of us use Weight Forward or WF lines we should understand what comprises the "Head," or the part attached to the leader ahead of the running line, the small-diameter line that connects to the reel. The head is comprised of the tip, the short (6 to 12 inch section) to which leaders are attached. The front taper, the tapered part of the line between the tip and the belly. The belly, the large-diameter level section that carries most of the energy during the cast. The rear taper, the tapered section that connects the belly to the running line. The length, diameter, and weight of the front taper, belly and rear taper are all variables and will help customize a line for specific use. Scientific Anglers Expert Distance taper, often used in the Big Gun Shootout, in 8 wt, has a head that is 75 feet long, add a 9 ft. leader, and to cast this line well with no overhang, having the junction of the running line and head at the rod tip, you will have to carry 84 feet of line. Can you do that? Most line boxes contain a drawing of the exact taper you are buying. Study it. **Pat Damico, MCI**

Random Thoughts from the Tying Bench

By C.W. "Don" Coleman

THE MAGIC OF BLENDED COLORS--There are three Primary Colors--red, yellow, and blue--and all other colors come from different combinations of these three colors. When you add white to a color you Tint the color. When you add black to a color you Shade the color. Mixing any two primary colors produces Secondary Colors. Mixing red and yellow results in orange. Mixing yellow and blue results in green, while blue and red results in violet. Mixing a primary color with a secondary color results in a Tertiary Color. You can mix varying proportions of different colored bucktail hairs to give the impression of another color while still retaining the original colors. EXPERIMENT. Mix a sparse bunch of yellow hairs with an equal amount of blue hairs to give the impression of green--while still retaining the original colors. Alter the proportions to get different green hues. Add some white to tint the green, or a touch of black to get a darker shade of green. Or add a few yellow hairs to green bucktail to add texture to the green. Simple color magic.

Blended colors merge and become other colors, giving the impression of vibrancy, movement, and the illusion of life in a fly. I think all three primary colors should be represented to some extent in every fly. Fly tying can be an art, which is different than technique. Be creative. Don't allow your fly tying to become mechanical. There is no law requiring you to replicate flies.



Pictures from the McDill Flat: Above, Ted Hagaman crossing the creek after a morning of fishing; first time sighting of a flamingo stalking the shallows; a redfish on his way to dinner at my house. We are fortunate to have so many beautiful waters to fish; please take care of our environment.



Capt Rick Grasset guided his clients to a good variety of fish this month!





Above, Robert Fischer with an 18 inch brown trout in Arkansas; Andrew Constantinou with a 4 lb rainbow; Walt's tarpon on a yellow Doc's Goofy jig; not a big meal for that tarpon!



Chris Hargiss guided Nanette O'Hara to a 36-inch snook caught on the beach; Matt Pribyl guided Tim Leto to a tarpon in Islamorada; Ed Fisher's walking catfish after the rain.



Capt Frank Rhodes with a N Carolina trout



Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Capt Pat Damico provides this report from his Captain’s Corner: The dog days of summer can be avoided and continuous fish catching is available. Ponds or any fresh water impoundment, large or small, contains a variety of warm water species anxious to take a fly. Golf courses, roadside ponds, housing developments and small lakes are easily accessible, but might require permission, and can usually be successfully fished from shore. Light tackle will not only be more fun but easier and readily available. Hand-me-down trout outfits from up north are perfect. Have a knowledgeable fly fisher make sure the equipment is balanced, meaning the line matches the rod. Panfish and bass will be the target so think small. Rods of 3 to 5 weight are perfect with matching weight forward floating lines. A 7- to 9-foot tapered leader to 8-pound test will even handle the occasional large bass that engulfs your offering. Flies that duplicate terrestrials, ants, crickets, hoppers, beetles and other bugs are great for exciting surface action. Below the surface, use minnow or insect larvae imitations to score. Early and late in the day when the water is cooler is usually best.

Capt Rick Grasset suggests tarpon action in the coastal gulf should continue when the west wind pattern ends and we switch back to a normal weather pattern of east in the morning and an afternoon sea breeze. You may find trout, Spanish mackerel or blues on deep grass flats, particularly close to passes. Also look for reds, snook and big trout mixed with mullet schools on shallow flats and edges of bars. Catch and release snook fishing around docks and bridges close to passes or sight fishing for snook in the surf with flies or DOA Lures should also be good options.

Capt Rick Gross reports on the Cyber Angler: Mangrove Snapper are just about everywhere right now. They are after the new hatch bait that is all over the bay during summer. Any type of structure has snapper on it. Spanish Mackerel are also here chasing the bait pods. A fun way to fish them is near any of the passes. Look for birds diving on the bait. A small white nylon jig or fly is all you need. Throw into the bait and strip like crazy.

Jim Swann notes his trips to the Withlacoochee River have been very successful. Lots of stump knockers, brim and bass. Small spinnerbaits as well as floating flies have been working great.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 7-15 Cuba trip
- Sept 12-13 Florida Sportsman Show
- Sep 19 CCA all release photo tournament
- Oct 17-24 Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip
- Oct 17 Carl Hanson Outing, Hillsborough River
- Oct 23-24 FFF Enclave, Miami, FL
- Early Nov Chattooga River, Ga trout fishing
- **Nov 22** **Big Gun, Picnic Island**
- Dec 2 Members Year-End Party
- Dec 11 Play Hooky Outing
- Dec 19 Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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