



**Next meeting 4 February
0600 PM to 0900 PM**

**Speaker: Dayle Mazzarella
Trout Fishing in the West**

Dayle Mazzarella has 44 years experience as a highly successful and award winning teacher and coach who has been fly fishing for 30 years. As a Certified Master Casting Instructor, Dayle has successfully presented many fly casting clinics. He is a Mentor for casting instructor candidates as well as certified casting instructors. Dayle often donates his services to Project Healing Waters and Wounded Warriors and frequently donates guided trips and casting instruction to clubs and charitable fund raisers. For the past twenty-five years, he has guided fly fishing trips in Wyoming and instructed fly casting in, among other locations, Western Wyoming, Southern California and Florida. Dayle spends his Winters and Springs fishing Tampa Bay and he has fished in Baja, Alaska, South America, New Zealand and the Bahamas.

Tyer: Ted Hagaman

Ted is a long time TBFFC member and an accomplished fresh and salt water fly fisherman. He has fished the Tampa Bay area for 40 years extensively from Boca Grande to the Suwanee River. Ted will tie his soon-to-be-famous "Beer Can Spoon Fly", which has fooled may reds, snook and trout. I have watched him catch multiple fish with his spoon fly both sight and blind casting. With great action and visibility this fly is a guaranteed winner. As an added bonus, you or a friend must drink the beer from the can before you tie the fly.

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.

FEBRUARY 2015 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to February and hope you are finding time to fish our low winter tides. Thanks to Captain Pat Damico for both speaking and tying last month.

We continue to prepare for our banquet on 8 March at Hunter's Green just a couple of miles east of our club house. Cost will be \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Please sign up and/or pay at the next two meeting so that we can get a good head count. Please also bring your ideas for items for the silent auction so that we can get great stuff. We also welcome donations of new or lightly used items.

Look on our photo's page for pictures of birds I took one weekend at the Circle B Preserve in Polk County. This is a great wildlife viewing and hiking area enjoyed by several club members. They have a Nature Center and admission is free; dogs are not allowed.

Please pay your 2015 dues if you have not done so.

// Walt Durkin 

EVENTS

- Annual Shad outing to the St John's – **20-22 Feb Sign up at the next meeting.**
- Annual club banquet – Sunday, 8 Mar from 3 to 8 PM. Hunter's Green Country Club
- Annual Mexico trip – 17 to 24 October

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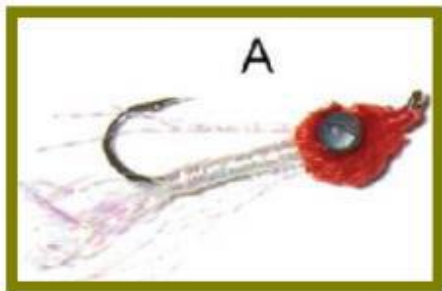
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2014 TBFFC MEETING DATES

This month's meeting is 4 Feb from 6 to 9 PM followed by 4 Mar and 1 Apr.

TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

20-22 Feb. Annual Shad Outing on the St Johns River near Sanford, FL. Please join the club for this super outing on the historic St Johns and experience a bit of Old Florida. We will camp out Friday and Saturday nights at Indian Hammock in Osteen, FL on a beautiful property located near the river. You can fish from small boats or from the bank. Bring a 5 to 7 weight fly rod and small flies. A small weighted white Clouser with some flash works well. The fly pictured below is also very good. Additionally, Jeff Janecek will tie shad flies at our next meeting and will probably share a few. Sign up and get additional details at our next meeting.



8 March: Club Banquet at Hunter's Green.


Please join us for a fun evening on Sunday from 0300 to 0800 PM. We will start with appetizers and cocktails and finish with a buffet dinner. We will give away door prizes and have many great items in the silent auction including guide trips. This is our main fund raiser to support club activities. Cost is \$40 for a single and \$75 for a couple. Sign up at the next meeting or mail your check to Rick Valarie at 1404 Oxfordshire Court, Brandon, Fla., 33510. You can also pay at the door if you confirm attendance in advance. Please come out and support your club.

17-24 Oct: Costa de Cocas lodge in Mexico.

Xcalak and Chetumal Bay are rated one of the best fishing destinations in the world. Capt Frank Rhodes will coordinate the trip for up to 10 anglers again this fall. Details at the next meeting.

Club hats and shirts will be available at the next meeting.

Tips for TBFFC: No. 79

Why don't I get a good straight layout of my fly line when making my presentation cast? There are many reasons. A frequent one is to not have a proper stop at the end of both forward and back casts. When the length of fly line is the same, the forward and back cast should be identical in all respects, unless wind is a factor. Watching an experienced fly caster present a cast should look smooth. The forward stop is almost unperceivable, but must be there. Using the mantra, "Stop, Stop, and Drop," can be helpful. Lefty refers to this as a, "Speed up and stop!" **Pat Damico, MCI** 

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM THE TYING BENCH

By C.W. "Don" Coleman

HACKLE FLIES – The basic Hackle Fly, which was popularized as the Sea Ducer by Chico Fernandez, was developed in the late 1880s. In its basic version it consists of a splayed saddle hackle tail tied in at the bend of the hook with saddle hackles wound up the shank of the hook. Today, mylar flash is usually added to the tail. In the early days of saltwater fly fishing the fly was used to imitate shrimp. What ever it is supposed to imitate, it is widely used today in both fresh and salt water fly fishing. It is usually tied on either standard length or long shank hooks in sizes ranging from #2 to #1/0. Lefty Kreh writes about the Red and White Hackle Fly, "This is one of the best patterns for both large and smallmouth bass that I've fished in more than 50 years I've been chasing them." Lefty favors an all white tail and with red wound hackles. It is also one of the top five flies Lefty recommends for inshore saltwater fly fishing. Hackle flies are simple, highly productive flies that land softly and, if tied full, can nearly suspend in the water column.

Member Photos



Tom Perkins fished Dunlop
Creek Roanoke, VA



Brian Nosco with a 24" trout



Capt Frank Rhodes with a
Peacock Bass caught in
Ft Lauderdale, FL



Andy Constantinou got a
Sea Robin off his dock



Capt Frank Rhodes with a Peacock Bass caught in Ft Lauderdale, FL



Jeff Janecek with a nice red on a schminnow variation in Aripeka

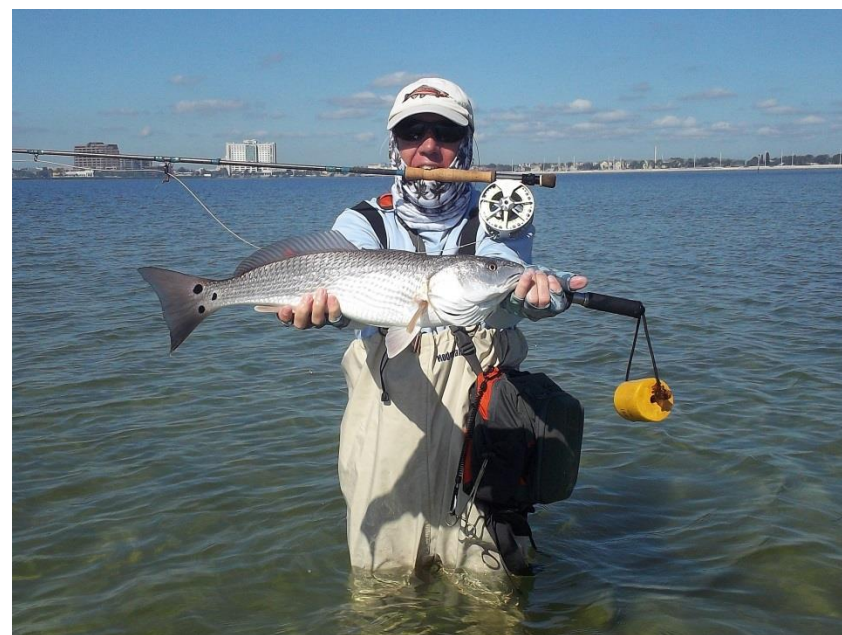


January Fly: Sickelback Zonker

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erIzqRk4svU>

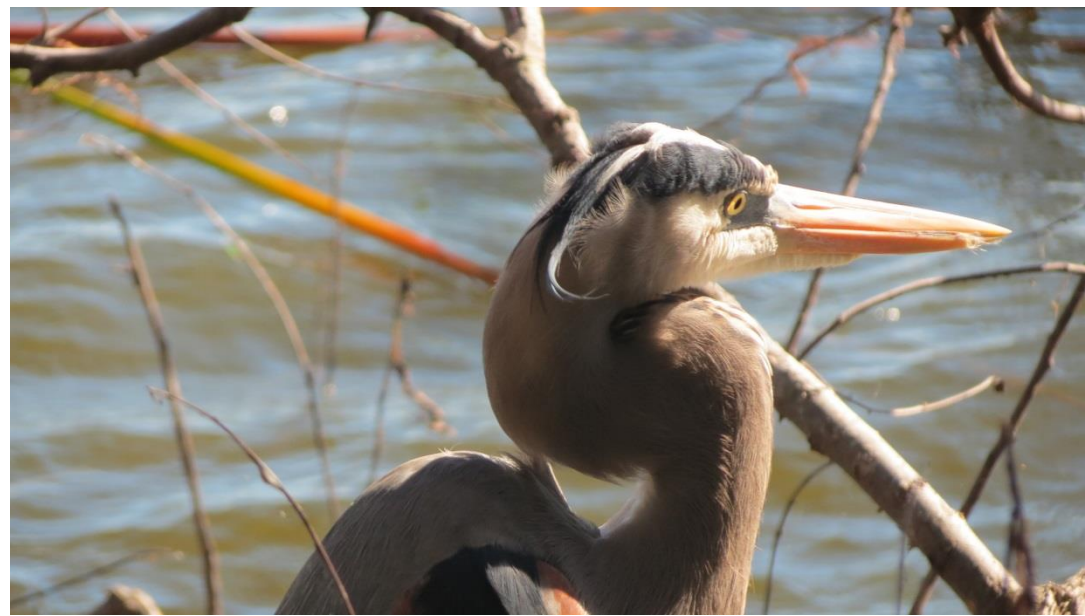


Walt Durkin, Ted Hagaman with two reds




Walt with a nice 3-spot red from the Cypress flat

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Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Capt Pat Damico provide this report from his **Captain’s Corner**: Captains are displaying pictures of big gator trout this time of year. Most are caught with bait, a few with artificials. Find baitfish on drop-offs or in a deep hole surrounded by shallow water, and a school of small trout will be easy to locate. Large yellow mouth trout usually are in shallow water and occasionally with a few similar-sized friends. Find warmer shallow water containing baitfish. Many of these locations are impossible to access with a conventional boat. A canoe or a kayak is one of the best ways to cover large deeper areas on your way to the shallows. Tethered it around your waist with a line while walking in ankle-deep water. Use maps and charts to find the trout. Even large trout can be hard to see. Move slowly and look for fleeing baitfish, nervous water and fish shadows on the bottom. You will spook some fish, but remember where the lunkers were to develop a pattern for finding more. //Pat 

Capt Bryon Chamberlin reports lots of good sized redfish and large trout in the Homosassa area on the negative low tides. Just watch where you run the boat or you may be missing a lower unit.

Capt Steve Parker reported good trout and lady fish action in Cockroach Bay in January.

I fished the day after our last meeting in a 15 to 20 mph North wind where the MacDill flat was dry for a ½ mile out with a super negative low. Multiple reds, drum and sheepshead were roaming the edge of the flat and I sight-fished 15 reds and one drum in a couple of hours on crab and shrimp flies. The Cypress Park flat also fished well on the low tides in January and Rick and Logan Valarie sight-fished 5 nice reds on the MLK weekend. The Cypress flat offers excellent fishing on a good low incoming tide during the winter and is easy to fish with a firm sand bottom. Most folks fish North of the beach, but I had a reliable report of tailing reds South of the Cypress Beach. //Walt 

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 14 and 28 Project Healing Waters on MacDill 2-4PM
- Feb 20-22 Shad outing on the St Johns River
- Feb 27 – Mar 1 Tampa Tribune show – Fairgrounds
- Mar 8 Annual Banquet – Hunters Green
- Mar 13 Salty Fly Tournament
- Mar 13 Fly Film Tour only **in Miami**
- May Buchan's Landing Outing
- June Beginners Clinic
- July John Millns' Freshwater Outing
- Aug Scallop Outing
- Sept 12-13 Florida Sportsman Show
- Sep CCA
- Oct FFF Enclave, Miami, FL
- Oct 17-24 Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip
- Oct Carl Hanson Outing
- Nov Big Gun
- Dec Members Year End Party
- Dec Play Hooky
- Dec Don Coleman Outing

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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.

- Monthly Meetings with informative speakers
- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
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