

The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club www.tbffc.org

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 6:00 p.m. Location: Compton Park Recreation Center, Tampa Palms (See below for Directions)

Special Guest Speaker and Tyer Michael Gorton

Mike has been "fishin' since I was knee-high to an ant tree, and my first rod was a 10' stick of quarter round molding which I employed to slay toxic bluegills out of the Rouge River in Detroit." He took his first trip for charter when he was 14, trout fishing on the Pine River in northern Michigan. He started guiding in Alaska at age 17 and also spent 5 yrs. at the South Pole putting scientists into the field, which allowed for lots of Kiwi Trout between traversing the poles.

In December, 1996, Michael bought the Goodnews River Lodge, which has been rated #1 of the top 100 paces on the planet to wet a line by Fly-fishing the World. It will be the subject of his Power Point presentation.

Mike first fished Fla. In 1991, and started guiding the Lower Keys in 1998. He has caught fish on 6 continents, but has yet to catch one in Africa. He has made many fishing shows for T.V. The reason he goes fishing is because fish live in nice places, and if he never catches another, he would still have had more than his fair share.

As featured fly tyer, Mike will show us how to tie the Grand Slam Shrimp, and claims it is the only fly you need to own in the Fla. Keys, (and elsewhere). The shrimp pattern took 3 yrs. to develop and is simply the deadliest fly ever for Permit, Bones, Tarpon, Snapper and Snook! Come to the meeting and learn how to tie and how to fish this pattern!

DEADLINE TO ORDER BANQUET TICKETS IS AT OUR NOVEMBER 7TH CLUB MEETING --SOONER IF SOLD OUT

Directions to Our Meetings: **From I-75**---Take Bruce B. Downs exit from I-75; go west 2 miles to traffic light, turn left onto 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

NOVEMBER 2007 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Fly Fishers, Welcome to November and cooler (hopefully!) weather. Trout fishing should get hot and snook will also return to the flats and rivers. Look for good numbers of cobia around channel markers and on the power plant flats when the water cools to about 76 degrees.

Please support our banquet on 10 November and you can still sign up at our November meeting. Low cost, great food, speaker and auction items! Use the signup sheet on page 6. Note that it has been modified to allow you to pay 2008 dues along with the banquet

Thanks to Jim Swann for doing double duty at our last meeting, always informative and enjoyable. Visit Jim's shop in Dade City for a cool day trip from Tampa.

Tight lines, //Walt





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TBFFC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for the rest of **2007**: November 7, December 5. **Please watch this space** for any changes.

EDITORS NEEDED!

The current incumbents have been producing this newsletter for a long time, and need some help, if not some rest. We are looking for an assistant newsletter editor, a fishing report editor, and (pretty soon), a casting editor/guru. Please contact Dick Miekka (dmiekka@cs.com, 727-866-8682) if you can help.

OUR BANQUET is on NOVEMBER 10

Please set aside the evening of Saturday, November 10 for our event before something else gets on you calendar. See page 6 for more details and order form.

PLAY HOOKY ON DECEMBER 7

When: Friday, December 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Where: State Fish Hatchery at Port Manatee

This has become a favorite outing for many of our members. The working hatchery has moved to another location, so there will be no tour this year. However, take a day off, leave the holiday stress behind and join us at the former state fish hatchery for fabulous fishing in the man-made stormwater ponds followed by a delicious lunch. In the past, members caught numerous types of fish, including several "baby" tarpon Sign up at the December club meeting.

JOINT OUTING WITH THE MANGROVE CLUB

Due to scheduling problems, this outing has been postponed until January 19 or 26. Watch the newsletter for the exact date and time.

BIG GUN SHOOTOUT MOVED TO MARCH

In order to avoid conflict with our banquet, the Buccaneer games, and the holidays, we have decided to move our Big Gun Shootout event to March of 2008. Watch this newsletter for details.

PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS:

January: Joint outing with the Mangrove Club

February: Canal fishing at Tamiami

March: Big Gun Shootout.

BILL JACKSON'S EVENTS OF INTEREST

Call (727) 576-4169 for all items listed below. Fly casting clinics each Saturday at 10 AM

Fly Tying Clinics; 6:30 PM every Monday for beginners and

every Wednesday for advanced tiers.

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www.suncoastflyfishers.com

Regular Meetings: 6:30pm on the Third Thursday of each month, **except December**, at Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7883 26th Ave. N., St. Pete.

MANGROVE COAST FLY FISHERS

www.mangrovecoastflyfishers.com

NOTE: Newer Location for MCFF Club meetings - **Twin Lakes Park.** The entrance to Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota is located on Clark Road, just 1/2 mile east of I-75, on the south (right) side of the road. Contact website above for details and directions.







Member Photos



Monsters of the Deep

Jeff Janecek displays a 12 lb-3 oz. bass he fooled with a minnow fly using a 6 wt. rod on a lake in Wesley Chapel.

Jack Hexter landed this 20# rare Humboldt squid in the waters off Vancouver, BC, while trolling for Pacific Salmon.





Arlene Bull did it again,catching the biggest fish of the 2007 season at Great Bear. Here she is beaming with the guide holding her 53# Lake Trout. She tells everyone "My husband, **Lloyd Bull**, knows where all of the "big fish" are and takes me to them. That's 5 years in a row that I have caught fish over 40# using my "private guide."



Lloyd did it on the Tree River for Char where he caught this 20# beauty that looks like a big brook trout in full color. lt didn't come easy though. Lloyd fell totally water under trying to follow



this fish in heavy water and was assisted by the guide who jumped

in, saved Lloyd's hat, and assisted him upright again as Lloyd is yelling "Don't lose that fish!" As you can see, he didn't.

Member Photos, Continued



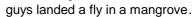
Greg Stepanski fished with son Brian on Madison & Snake Rivers. They caught rainbows, browns, and cutthroats



Brian Stepanski, age 13 w/cutthroat caught on the Snake River.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER, DOWN MEXICO WAY

Frank Rhodes, Jeff Abeles, Rick O'Hara and Tony Kirk recently spent several days fishing for baby tarpon in narrow creeks of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Here are photos of Frank, Jeff, and Rick with tarpon, as well as a photo of San Felipe, the colorful village in which they stayed. Their hotel served excellent meals. They fished early in the morning, took a siesta for a few hours at lunchtime and then went fishing again until supper. . Their guides were not entirely fluent in English, but one of them did know enough to say, "Tarpon, no monkey" when one of the







Annual Banquet and Auction

Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Valencia Gardens Restaurant, Kennedy Blvd., Tampa 6:00 - 7:30 PM Silent Auction, Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar; 7:30 PM Dinner

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: TIM BORSKI



ABOUT: Tim Borski

Tim Borski paints unique wildlife art in watercolor, oils and acrylics, and he can be found daily in his studio in Islamorada in the Florida Keys or fishing in the backcountry -- allegedly gathering inspiration and photographs for his art. Tim has a style all his own. His paintings primarily focus on bird and fish species and he waxes eloquent about their attributes and habitats. An occasional landscape or T-shirt design also graces his easel.

Tim likes to write as well and has been published in several magazines. He writes a quarterly how-to column on flies, and has about a dozen trademarked fly patterns to his name through the Umpqua Feather Merchants. He recently produced a fly-tying DVD which showcases how to tie specific flies and shows them in use on the water.

A. Order Form for Annu Where: Valencia Gardens When: November 10, 200 (Please print)	Restaurant, Ken			
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Number of Guests (includi	ng vourself)	Phone(\$40 for singles, \$75 per cou	ple)\$ Total	
Tickets to be picked up a			F/	
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B. Order Form for Fly T		n Tim Borski		
Where: Compton Park Rec				
When: November 10, 10:0	0 AM to 2:00 Pl	M (Lunch Included)		
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Note: If you are a Guide or a Vendor donating a trip or merchandise to the Club, do not send any money at this

time. Instead, fill in the number of tickets requested and check here (). Thank You

FLY OF THE MONTH

Dragon Fly

As tied by Jim Swann



MATERIALS:

Hook: No 8, 3366.

Tail: Black rubber leg material, folded, about 3 inches long. **Abdomen:** 1/16 inch thick foam cut to 3/8 inch width and about 3 inches long, cut to a short chisel point – color of your choice.

Body: Same piece of foam as abdomen. Thread: Color to match body and tail

Side Wings: Small feathers to complement color of body.

Top Wing (egg sac): Fine deer hair or synthetic, to complement side wings.

TYING SEQUENCE:

1. Put a needle in your vise, point out.

- Fold the tail rubber and place on the needle so the fold runs down the needle and the tips extend outward beyond the point. Tie down the rubber along the needle, stretching it a bit as you wind the thread. (The stretched rubber will cause the abdomen to curve upward a bit after it is removed from the needle.)
- 3. Return the thread near the needle point, tie in the foam at its tip, and orient the foam along the top of the needle. Build the abdomen by segmenting the foam with tight, spaced thread wraps, then tie off at the base and cut the thread.
- Slide the construction off the needle, take the needle out of the vise, and replace it with a No. 8 hook.
- 5. Tie in the abdomen near the hook bend, letting the remaining foam extend along the top of the hook shank. Snug the extended foam along the shank with closely spaced thread wraps until just before the hook eye. Let the remaining foam extend over the eye.
- 6. Starting just behind the hook eye, tie in the contrasting "eye" foam, then double it back about 1/4 inch, returning to the tie-in point, tie down and clip off the excess.
- 7. Pull the extended body foam back and tie it down over the folded "eye" foam, and clip off the excess. This forms the head.
- Tie in two side wing feathers (see photo) at the point where the foam was clipped. .
- Apply a small bundle of hair with tips extending about ½ inch rearward, then clip the fronts about 1/8 inch above the tie-in point.
- 10. Whip finish, and the fly is complete.

Note: You may use hair or synthetic material in place of the feathers, but the feathers look more like real dragon fly wings.

Casting Tips for TBFFC: 93 Improved Back Casts with Wrist Extension

Good forward casts are predicated upon good back casts. Often, back casts can be quickly improved by concentrating upon wrist extension as the last move when completing the back cast. Complete wrist extension occurs when the caster allows the wrist to break completely at the end of the back cast stroke. The feel of full wrist extension is similar to that experienced when throwing a Frisbee, wherein the wrist is allowed to straighten completely and the thumb points directly at the target when the throw is completed.

This Frisbee throwing motion is best accomplished in the back cast by grasping the fly rod using the "Key Grip." With the right-handed Key Grip, the thumb is placed somewhat to the side of the handle and the "vee" formed by the thumb and first finger is positioned to the left of center, pointing toward the left shoulder. The Key Grip is so named because it is similar to that used when grasping a key.

The wrist extension motion is the same whether the rod is positioned vertically or sidearm, although it is most easily assimilated with the rod positioned at about forty-five degrees. If you do not own a Frisbee, use a paper plate with which to practice. Grasp the plate between the thumb and first finger with the convex side of the plate facing you. Make a back cast motion and throw the pate backwards getting the feel of full wrist extension at the end of the throw. Conserve maximum acceleration until the last instant when the plate is released. A few such throws should produce the feel of full wrist extension. Then make a back cast with your fly rod, replicating the feel of the Frisbee throw. The results will be a significant increase in line speed, tighter loops and greater back cast distance, all with less effort.

Dan Lagace

Member, Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club







Fishing Report and Forecast "What a great time to go fishing!"

Club members **Rick and Nanette O'Hara** fished the deep flats off Cockroach Bay recently on an overcast morning and had a banner day! They got into large schools of jacks and Spanish mackerel, as well as lots of trout. Many of the trout were in the 18-20 inch range. They also caught ladyfish and even a baby gag grouper. Most of the fish were caught on chartreuse and white Clousers, proving once again that a Clouser will catch just about anything that swims.

Several club members, including **Jeff Abeles, Frank Rhodes, Rich O Hara** and **Tony Kirk** ventured a little farther recently on the trip to the Cancun area of Mexico. After a 3 hour ride they arrived at a small fishing resort in San Filipe. The primary commercial species there is octopus, but our team was after juvenile tarpon. The fishing strategy was to fish early and late and rest during the middle of the day due to the extreme heat. The anglers were averaging between 20 and 30 jumps per day with about 10 landings. These fish were in the 15 to 25 pound range and provided a tremendous amount of action and excitement while fishing the very narrow mangrove waterways that held them. Many of the flies that were successful were tied by club member Bryan Chamberlin.

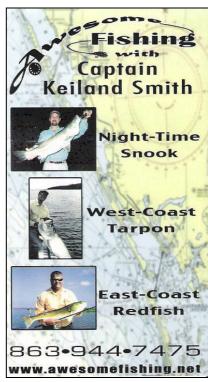
Anglers fishing with **Rick Grassett** on the Snook Fin-Addict, out of CB's Saltwater Outfitters on Siesta Key, had action with a variety of fish during the past week. Fly anglers caught and released little tunny (false albacore) and Spanish mackerel off Siesta Key. The Orvis Regional Business Manager, **Robert Bryant** from Greensboro, NC, fished the coastal gulf off Sarasota with Capt Rick on Monday. They connected with several little tunny and large Spanish mackerel while casting olive-and-white and chartreuse-and-white Ultra Hair Clouser flies. The new Orvis Helios rod performed fantastically! Rick claims it's like casting with a rod 2 or 3 sizes smaller.

Don't let this windy fall weather keep you off the water. The Tampa Bay area has numerous cool water spots. Don't overlook the rivers, creeks, power plants and deep channels when the cold wind blows.

Tight Lines

Floyd





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, plus enriching experiences.

- Monthly Meetings with Famous Speakers
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