



**Next Meeting: Sept. 3, 2014**

### **Speaker**

**Terry Gibson**

A life-long fly and light-tackle angler, Terry has served in a number of field and in-house editorial capacities for highly respected fishing publications, including *Saltwater Fly Fishing*, *Shallow Water Angler*, *Florida Sportsman* and *Outdoor life*. He also has contributed to leading fishing, hunting, surfing and dive publications since the late 1990s. Terry has fished abroad in 10 countries plus the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico and in more than 40 states. As a multi-lingual journalist covering the issues, or as an advocate working them, he has promoted conservation issues in more than 20 countries, including the frontlines of water-management, habitat and fisheries management issues in the U.S. Terry's presentation will focus on forage fish and the need for their conservation.

### **Fly Tyer**

**Robert Fischer**

We needed a tyer and Robert stepped up big time. The long-time member of the Suncoast FF and the TBFFC has caught nearly 80 species of different fish on a fly rod and was featured in *Florida Sportsman* for the feat. He can make a good batch of jambalaya as well as tie a few flies. His pattern of choice for this month is the Grapenut, a bendback-type fly that should shed grass, which is always good thing in the early fall.



**Directions to Our Meetings: 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.

**SEPTEMBER 2014 PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Hi everyone. Welcome to September and cooler waters. We have a busy schedule this fall, so read your newsletter carefully for details.

We are exploring sites closer to downtown Tampa as a new venue for our meetings. Tampa Palms has been great, but is a little hard to get to during rush hour. This has been offset by the cost (free) and the nice facility. Nonetheless, we seek ideas on a suitable venue that would be easier to travel to each month.

Please let us know of possible locations and we will check them out. If you would like to stay at Tampa Palms, let us know that also.

Please help keep our Facebook page up-to-date and relevant with club news. Email your items to me or Nanette O’Hara and we can post them. Additionally, anyone can look at our site and add photos. If you have never done it ask any 5 year-old or teenager for help. Facebook is a great way for our club to communicate and grow our sport.

On a final note, TBFFC will share a booth with the Suncoast club in mid-September at the *Florida Sportsman Show* at the Fairgrounds. Volunteers are welcomed.

I’ll be in Alaska chasing salmon and trout for the next meeting and will look forward to seeing you in October.

Walt Durkin 🍷

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The next TBFFC Board of Directors meeting will be at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Seasons 52.

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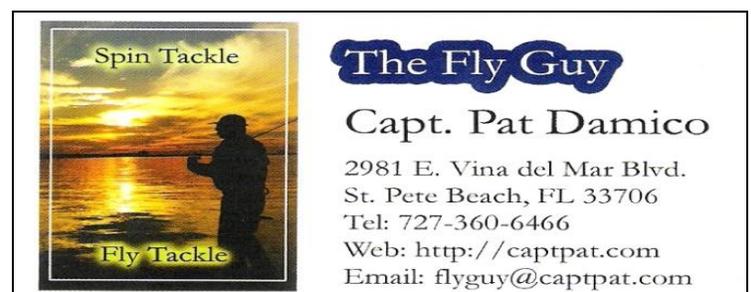


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## CLUB EVENTS

### 2014 TBFFC MEETING DATES

This month's meeting is Sept. 3 followed by Oct. 1 and Nov. 5.

Please watch this space for any changes.

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### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Flint Creek Outfitters is having a Docklight Fly Tournament on Sept. 27-28. This is mainly a fun event with no stress. We will have many sponsors who will be giving us product to raffle off at the weigh-in. We really appreciate the support.

The rules:

Mandatory Captain's Meeting September 27, 6 p.m. at FCO, 1502 N. West Shore Boulevard, Tampa.

The weigh-in will be at FCO, at noon on Sept. 28.

This is a catch-and-release photo tournament.

Fly fishing only (no scenting, chumming, etc.).

Teams must present a measuring device and digital camera at the captain's meeting.

Two-person teams may fish from a skiff, canoe, kayak, paddle board, etc.

Anglers may fish anywhere on the west coast after the captain's meeting.

The total combined inches of one snook, redfish, and trout (to the nearest 1/4") will win the tournament.

Snook, redfish, and trout of any size may be measured.

FCO will provide a poker chip with a number to each team at the captain's meeting. The chip must be in the picture with the fish. If the chip is not in the picture, the measured fish does not count.

All boats must have required USCG safety equipment. There is a \$50 entry fee and 100 percent payback ---- first (60 percent), second (30 percent) and third (10 percent).

A raffle is scheduled during the weigh-in.

In other fishing news, CCA members are invited to the Thirtieth Annual Coastal Conservation Association of Florida's "Digital Photo All-Release Challenge" Fishing Tournament, sponsored by T.A. Mahoney Co. Inc., on Friday evening and Saturday, September 19-20. Tournament Headquarters will be at the Tampa Bay Watch Marine Center, 3000

Pinellas Bay Way, South Tierra Verde. Call Morgan Lynch at (850) 345-6227 for more info.

The Mangrove Fly Fishers/CCA Fall Fly Fishing Challenge is scheduled for Oct. 24-25. More on that event in the October newsletter.

Ethan Kiburz/Tampa Bay Watch/CCA 

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### TBFFC NEWS&NOTES

We're more than halfway done with 2014. Time flies. TBFFC, meanwhile, is keeping pace, or at least trying to.

We've got trips and speakers lined up through this fall.

This month, we've got the *Florida Sportsman* Expo, set for **Sept. 13-14** at the Fairgrounds. After that, tentatively plan for the following: The FFF Florida Fly-Fishing Expo (**Oct. 10-11**), the Carl Hanson Outing (**Oct. 25**), the Big Gun Shootout (**Nov. 9**) and Play Hooky (**Dec. 5/12**).

Terry Gibson, a former writer/editor at *Florida Sportsman Magazine* and *Shallow Water Angler*, has accepted an invite to speak to the club in September, and Dunedin guide Jared Simonetti is scheduled for **Oct. 1** to discuss bonito on a fly rod. And Brett Fitzgerald will speak to TBFFC in early 2015 about the Snook Foundation and all of the work that conservation group does for line-siders and other gamefish.

If anyone has any connections to quality speakers, let the TBFFC board know. We're always looking for ways to make our meetings more informative.

Lastly, does anyone have any Scientific Anglers System II fly reels, sizes 3 to 9 or Penn 550 spinning reels? If so, call Robert Fischer 495-5685. He's interested.

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### EVENTS

- Fla. Sportsman Expo, **Sept. 13-14**.
- Florida FFF Expo, **Oct. 10-11**, Crystal River.
- Frank Rhodes/Club Mexico trip, **Oct. 18-24**
- Carl Hanson Outing (TBFFC hosts), **Oct. 25**
- Big Gun Shootout, **Nov. 9**, Picnic Island Park.
- Play Hooky Outing, **Dec. 5/12**, Port Manatee Hatchery.

## Tips for TBFFC: No. 74

### Casting Tip: No. 57

## Less Strength Equals Better Casting

Why is the fly line wavy on my casts?

While conducting an intermediate to advanced casting clinic, the above question was frequently asked. The cure in most cases was to point out that the caster had a "death grip" on the rod. Combining this with too much power created shock waves in the rod; these were then transmitted to the line. Remember, the fly line follows the rod tip. The result was a cast with unwanted waves. Concentrate by casting with the rod tip, especially at shorter distances. Start slow, pick up speed and then stop. You will see an immediate improvement. A good caster can intentionally create line waves, where they are needed, to help control drag.

Pat Damico, MCI 🏠

### More Tips:

## Practice Matters When It Comes to Tying Knots

*Editor's Note: From my colleague John Frazier when he was editor at Fly Fishing in Saltwaters. It's too hot to fish for reds and the tarpon are just about gone, so why not kill some time waiting for the cooler weather?*

I will never forget the first big fish I lost on fly-- it was the biggest snook that I've ever been in the presence of.

This lifetime fish was in and out of my life in about a half-second all because of a poor knot.

During this time, I was a complete beginner, and like many other neophyte fly-anglers, I spent all my time practicing my cast. It was my belief that being able to cast 100 feet was what constituted fly-fishing greatness.

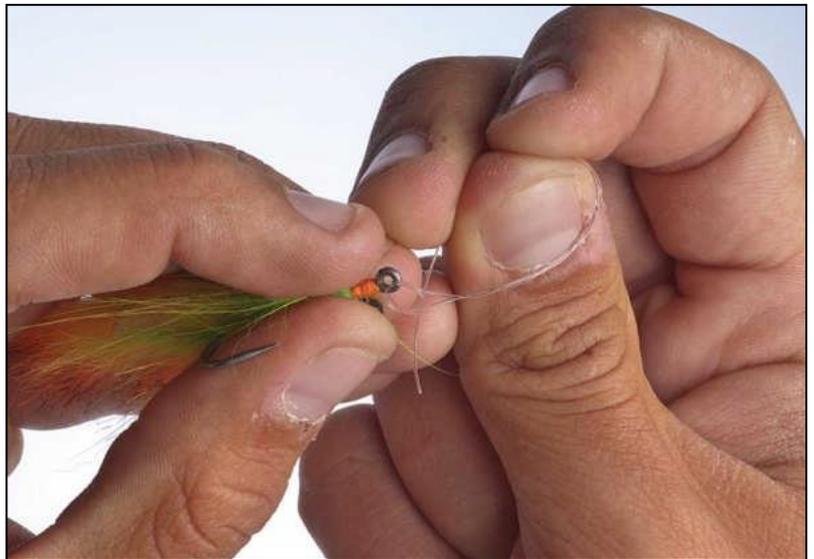
After weeks of persistent heroic casting-practice sessions, I could see my skills sharpening. I was able to cast a rather good distance and was also getting pretty accurate.

While retrieving my fly for another cast, an absolute beast of a snook came out of nowhere and violently swiped at my fly. Because I didn't feel a thing, I just figured it missed the fly. When I looked at the end of my leader, I saw the dreaded pigtail--the telltale sign of a knot failure.

I was embarrassed and angry. It was right then and there that I realized a long cast and a picture-perfect presentation don't mean a damn thing if you can't tie a knot.

*All of you beginners out there, kiss pigtails goodbye and learn how to tie the fly fishing knots*

Mike Hodge 🏠



**A non-slip mono knot, which was developed by Lefty Kreh.**



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*Member Photos, August/Sept.*



**Top:** Lynn Skipper and his wife Patti with peacock bass in the Panama Canal.  
**Middle:** Brian Stauffer shows off a 30-inch Ozello snook. Andy Constantinou catches a personal-best carp on fly. Ted Hagaman with a 31-inch redfish from the Buchan's outing.



## ***Fly of the Month***



### **Gangster Gurgler**

*As tied by Walt Durkin/In the Riffle.com*

#### **What you need/materials**

**Hook:** 06-10 Tiemco 8089; **thread:** olive chartreuse UTC 140; **tail#1:** fiery orange ice chenille; **eyes:** large EP shrimp eyes or black epoxy mono eyes; **collar:** chartreuse schlappen; **body:** chartreuse ice chenille; **back:** brown 2mm foam.

#### **Instructions**

Take the thread halfway back into the bend. Tie in orange chenille, wrap forward two, three turns, then tie off.

Tie in the eyes at a downward angle. Bring thread forward to tie down thoroughly.

Tie in the craft fur chartreuse tail a bit longer than the hook shank. Repeat with the tan fur; use a bigger chunk.

Tie in the ice chenille one-fourth the way up the hook. Tie in the schlappen, palmer forward to form the collar.

Tie in the brown foam. Center it. Tie in the chartreuse chenille, wrap forward, tie off near the eye. Fold the foam forward with a loop. Tie off at the eye. Whip finish. Bar the tail with a sharpie.

For details, go to *YouTube* or *Intheriffle.com*

## **Fishing Report and Forecast**

***“What a great time to go fishing!”***

**September 2014**

### ***Change of Pace for Snapper***

**What's hot:** Mangrove snapper are often encountered while drifting the flats this time of year as they school in preparation for spawning. When using a typical 8- or 9-weight fly rod with size 1 or 1/0 flies, a snapper will be hooked. Probing deeper areas in grassy flats, rock piles and docks are often key locations.



***Pat Damico***

**Technique:** If one is found, many more are there. A 4- or 5-weight fly rod with a sink-tip line and a 6-foot

leader tapered

to 8-pound test fluorocarbon is needed, especially if the water is clear. Select a small weighted size-8 fly that imitates a crab, minnow or shrimp. Use a countdown method and retrieve when the fly is close to the bottom or structure. Set the hook at the slightest strike.

**Tip:** The light fly tackle gives these small but strong fish a chance to pull, and the bait stealing will be foiled by constant hookups with the smaller flies. Five can be kept if longer than 10 inches. Always check FWC regulations.

**Members' catches/reports:** The beach snook are still here. West winds have been a factor. The higher the tide the better because the first trough needs to be covered for the best sight fishing. The water temperatures have been higher than normal due to the lack of consistent showers. As a result, the fish have been sluggish.

*Pat Damico/Mike Hodge* 🌅

## 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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# Plans Underway for Florida Fly Fishing Expo

Crystal River---Organizers for the fifth annual Florida Fly Fishing Expo have selected world renowned fly-fishing experts Bob Clouser of Pennsylvania and Wanda Taylor of Georgia as special guest instructors at the Oct. 10-11, 2014 Expo at The Plantation on Crystal River.

Clouser and Taylor bring different insights and fly-fishing strengths to their programs.

Clouser, an internationally respected fly-fishing instructor and author, created the *Clouser Deep Minnow*, perhaps the most-used and recognized fly in the world. Taylor is the first-ever woman certified as a master fly casting instructor by the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF). Her programs include just-for-women workshops and clinics.

Special Expo programs will include IFFF-certified fly casting instructors and fly tiers teaching their skills. Hands-on clinics, demonstrations and workshops include instruction for beginning through advanced fly casters, outdoor photography classes, fly-fishing techniques, building first-aid kits for boat and trail, tying effective new fly patterns and more. Admission is \$10, which includes both days. Admission is free to kids 16 and younger when accompanied by an adult. *David Lambert* 🍷

## Project Healing Waters Update

Hello:

Thank you for your well-wishing. My foot surgery recovery is progressing and soon my fly rod will be in hand. In the meantime remember that our injured and recovering heroes' injuries aren't always visible or responsive. A little time on the water with a fly rod they built with other vets can help smooth some of the edges. It is free for our active duty and disabled veterans. You can donate a little or a lot to Tampa's Healing Waters Program by following the links below. During your Labor Day weekend, the labor of our nation's heroes continues. Let us not forget them. The highest form of wisdom is kindness. *Deb Brooks* 🍷

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