

The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club www.tbffc.org

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Compton Park Recreation Center, Tampa Palms (See below for Directions)

Invited Speaker John Perry

Our speaker will be John Perry, manager of the Angler's Alibi fishing camp in Alaska. John was born and raised in Michigan, on an Island in the mouth of the Detroit River and Lake Erie. Learning to fish at an early age was the natural thing to do. Fly fishing and fly tying became an addiction for him in Michigan, chasing panfish, bass, trout, salmon and steelhead. After College, he moved out west to Colorado and ski patrolled full time in the winter and was a fly fishing guide in the summers- the perfect life. After a few seasons on the rivers in Colorado, an opportunity arose for him to guide at a new deluxe tent camp in Alaska, Anglers Alibi. He jumped at the chance and guided for 6 seasons before getting married and starting a family. He had to leave that lifestyle, temporarily though, and for the past three seasons, he has been back up in the great state of Alaska guiding at Anglers Alibi again, now as manager. Living in Florida has only increased John's background and knowledge of fishing, learning all that he can about the great saltwater fly fishing that this state has to offer.

Featured Fly Tyer

Nick Angelo

Nick Angelo was born and raised in ft. Lauderdale. He grew up fishing everywhere in south Florida, from the everglades to the keys. His uncle and father put a fishing rod in his hands at a very young age. He started fly fishing at the age of 12, catching Peacock bass in the canals behind his house. Nick's two passions are fishing and food. He has worked as a deck hand on fishing boats in south Florida and Alaska. He also worked in the fly shop at Outdoor World in Dania Beach, while attending college. He has worked as a chef for the last 9 years, and is currently pastry chef at a resort in Tampa.

We will be ordering club shirts and hats, embroidered with the club logo, at the May meeting. Bring your checkbook or cash. Catalogs will be available to allow you to select the item of your choice.

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

MAY 2009 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Flyfishers,

Welcome to May and the great opportunities to fly fish in Tampa Bay and surrounding waters. Please read our fishing report for the latest hot areas.

Thanks to our guest speaker last month for an informative and entertaining presentation on Argentina. Perhaps we can get Pat, Rick and Nanette to tell us about their recent adventure to the same area!.

Thanks also to Craig Smothers for tying for us as he is one of our many great folks we have with tying skills. Directions for tying his fly-of-the-month can be found on page 8, below.

And, thanks to those members who attended our last Ft Desoto outing. Fishing was great, but the catching was slow. Nonetheless, Steve Parker hosted April speaker Evan Jones on his boat and they saw some nice reds and caught a couple of lunker trout. It was a beautiful day to fish and enjoy drinks and sandwiches afterwards. Please let us know your ideas for other outtings.

Be sure to bring your checkbook or some cash to purchase a club shirt at the May meeting. Pick the shirt you want from the Cabela's catalog, and pay for the plain shirt. The club will pay to have our logo embroidered on the shirt at no cost to you.

All for now and tight lines. //Walt





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The next meeting of the TBFFC Board of Directors will be at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Alligator Bob's.

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TBFFC EVENTS 2009 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for all of 2009: May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2. Please watch this space for any changes.

CLUB SHIRTS TO BE ORDERED IN MAY

If you would like to order a fishing shirt embroidered with our club logo, please come to the May meeting and select the ones you want from the Cabela's Catalog. Prices vary, but the shirts generally cost \$20 to \$50, depending on the brand.

The club will pay to have our logo added and for postage plus any tax. You can also get your name added to the shirt for a nominal charge. We will be ordering a supply of club caps which you may purchase in June. If you want a special cap, we can order that for you at the May meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to order a shirt, please go to the Cabela's web site and choose the shirt type, color, and size that you want and mail the information, along with your check (made out to TBFFC) to Dick Miekka, 6735 14th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705. The order will be placed with Cabela's on May 13.

MAY CASTING CLINIC

WHEN: Sat. May 30, 2009, 9:00 AM until 2:00 pm WHERE: Compton Park Recreation Center

LED BY: Steve Parker

The clinic will cover the following:

- One-on-one and group casting lessons/assistance designed to upgrade your skills.
- Casting styles and Casting physics, Rod selection (flex type based on style), Fly lines- types available and their application.
- **Special Tips:** Steve is going to pull together all of the tips that he has learned over the last 30+ years of fly fishing. This will be an update of his popular September 2007 tip list.
- The prerequisite for this class is that the attendees have basic knowledge of equipment, terms used in fly fishing and the ability to cast and load the rod. They should bring their own equipment.
- Fly tying basics and tips may be presented, depending on available time and attendee interest.
- Lunch will be served

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

- Outing at John Millns' is tentatively set for June 6
- July outing in Oceola to catch the fabled Australian Barramundi right here in FL. We will need 11 to sign up fee of \$140 includes lunch.
- A day with Bruce Richards (of 3M Scientific Anglers) Joint with Suncoast Club. Date not set yet.

ADVERTISE YOUR HAND-ME-DOWNS HERE

If you have a fly fishing device or other item that you would like to sell to a fellow member, Contact Dick Miekka at: dmiekka@cs.com with particulars. If there is room, we will list it here.

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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.





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TIPS FOR TBFFC - No. 11

Try Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers Recipes (Yum!)

BAKED CITRUS & HERB SALMON

Ingredients:

1-1/2 pounds Salmon Fillet, cut into 4 (6 ounces each) pieces
Coarse Salt

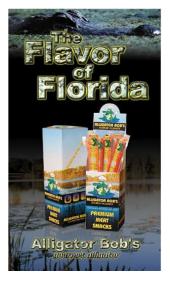
Fresh Ground Black Pepper

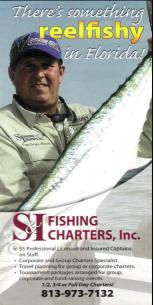
- 1 tablespoon grated Fresh Lemon Rind
- 1 tablespoon grated Fresh Orange Rind
- **8 Fresh Chives**
- **4 sprigs Fresh Thyme**
- 4 sprigs Fresh Oregano
- 4 sprigs Fresh Tarragon
- 1 Fresh Lemon, sliced

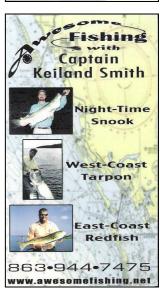
Preparation:

- 1. Preheat oven to 450 F.
- 2. Spray shallow roasting pan with cooking spray.
- 3. Season salmon fillets with coarse salt and fresh ground black pepper.
- 4. Combine lemon and orange rinds. Spread evenly over fish.
- 5. Arrange herb sprigs over individual servings. Place lemon slices on top of herb sprigs.
- 6. Place fish in roasting pan.
- 7. Roast 10 minutes, or until fish flakes easily.









CRAB STUFFED FLOUNDER

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds flounder fillets
- 1 cup crabmeat drained, flaked and cartilage removed
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped green bell pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground dry mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon Salt

ground white pepper, to taste

- 3 crushed saltine crackers
- 1 egg white
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 egg yolk
- 5 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Tablespoon dried parsley

Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Rinse the fillets and pat dry with paper towels.
- 2. Combine crab meat, green pepper, mustard powder, Worcestershire sauce,
 - salt, white pepper and the crushed saltines. Combine the egg white and ${\bf 1}$ tablespoon mayonnaise. Stir this into the crab meat mixture.
- 3. Brush the flounder fillets with melted butter. Place in a lightly greased, shallow baking dish. Spoon the crab mixture over the fillets and drizzle with any remaining butter.
- 4. Bake the fillets at 400 degrees for 15 minutes.
- 5. While the fish is baking, lightly beat the egg yolk in a small bowl. Stir in 5 tablespoons of mayonnaise. Remove fish from oven and spread this mixture over the stuffing; sprinkle with paprika and parsley.
- 6. Increase oven temperature to 450 degrees and bake until golden and bubbly, about 6 minutes





Member Photos, Continued





Attendees at the Ft Desoto outing had a nice lunch and good conversations, but only a few, like our April speaker **Evan Jones** (above) – fishing with **Capt. Steve Parker**-caught fish. Others stayed until dusk and saw a beautiful sunset (below)

Photos by Denise Bruner





Jeff Janecek continues to have great success bass fishing in local lakes (left)

Jeff's good friend, **Gerald Ray**, (right) who has joined
Jeff's Project Healing
Waters team, displays a
non-Florida fish.



More Member Photos





Pat Damico, Rick and Nanette O'Hara and **Don Manning** (a member of the Suncoast Fly Fishers) traveled to the Patagonia region of Argentina in March to fish with Esquel Outfitters. The fishing was exceeded only by the hospitality of the Argentinian people, the incredible food, and the jaw-dropping scenery. It was truly the trip of a lifetime, and we were all sad to leave this spectacular place. Viva Argentina! (Nanette 4/22/09)

A beautiful spring creek rainbow and a wonderful bottle of Malbec wine -- two of my favorite memories from our trip!





FLY OF THE MONTH

Craig's Enrico Fiber Sardine

As Tied by Craig Smothers



Most of the Enrico flies you find in the shop have a "Pinfish" profile. By adjusting the way this material is tyed, different profile can be had which looks much more like the typical "Sardine."

Materials:

Hook: Gamakatsu SC-15 #1/0

Gills: Enrico Silky Fibers reddish brown

Body: Enrico Sea Fibers in White, Light Olive, Olive

Thread: Flymaster (gold) 6/0 in white Eyes: 5mm Stalk eyes (white/black) Glue: brushable Krazy Glue, Fletch-Tite Flash: pearl green and chartreuse Angel Hair

Tying the Fly:

Let me start by saying that this fly is tyed much like a "hi-tye" fly. The fly has three tye in point along the shank of the hook. Don't use too much of any of the fibers. It's very easy to over-dress the hook with these materials. Use half as much as you think it needs.

- The hook goes in the vice point down. Thread back from the hook eye to the beginning of the downward bend. Fold a small bundle of the red Silky Fibers across the thread and tye it down on top of the hook. Trim this bundle even with the back of the hook (about 1/8th" long). Fold a small bundle of light olive Sea Fiber over the thread, tying it in on top of the previous. Tye in a small amount of the chartreuse Angel Hair along either side of the light olive Sea Fiber. Now the white. Fold a small bundle across the thread then wrap the thread once just forward of the tye in point. Now pull the fibers downward to the rear of the hook at a 45 degree angle. As you do this, wrap the materials down to the hook. Add a small amount of the pearl-green Angel Hair on either side of the white. Now repeat the process again with white, this time drawing the material down at a larger angel, and adding the pearl-green. Now soak the tye in point with brushable Krazy Glue. material you have just tyed in should have a common tye in point. One is tyed in on top the other.
- Again, this process should be repeated along the hook's length a total of three times (minus the red).
- 3) You have now finished tying the fly. The head has been built up, whip finished, and everything has been glued down. Take the hook out of the vice and lay it flat on the bench. I use a (hard) adult sized toothbrush to comb the material out towards the rear on both sides \
- 4) Now it's time to trim. I use a pair of 10" scissors, short ones just won't work. Trim just a bit at a time, you can always cut away more. Refer to my drawings as to how it should be trimmed.
- 5) Lastly, the eyes. Use the 5mm stalk eyes. Trim the stalk with a pair of sharp wire cutters. There shouldn't be any of the stalk remaining on the back. If you can't get that close, place the eye on an emery board (fingernail) and sand it off. Using Fletch-Tite glue, place a small amount against the hook's shank, a small amount on the back of the eye, and then stick it together. Do the same for the other side. Now squeeze the two together. It will be fishable in twenty minutes.

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

Our May outing at Ft DeSoto Park was super. A great turnout of 15 members came out to fish and tell stories. The fishing was enjoyable but only a few caught fish. **Leigh West** and **Denise Bruner** caught trout, and our April speaker **Evan Jones**, fishing with **Capt Steve Parker**, did very well. He caught several trout one in the 3lb range and one in the 4lb range. The rest of us had to be (thanks to **Dick Miekka**) satisfied with some sub sandwiches, potato salad and cole slaw with soft drinks and potato chips.

Members **John and Joan Willis** report the weather in Georgia is horrible but the crappie bite is hot. Fishing on West Point Lake near LaGrange, Ga. they caught a nice bag of crappies and one really nice one says John. The fly used was a bead-head white wooly bugger on a #6 hook that he tied himself.

Capt. **Pete Greenan**, in mid April fishing in the Boca Grande area with **Brian Karem** and **Dusty Sprague** caught several species of fish, including trout on clouser minnows and snook on grey/sand Puglisi patterns. **Ron Whiteley** and Pete fished Boca Grande and caught a 27 inch snook and several sea trout and ladyfish on Ron's Estaz maragou and Puglisi. Ron stated that tarpon fishing is improving and that will give anglers more species to target.

Member **Rick Fender** spent a few days at **Rick and Nanette's** place in Everglades City. Fly fishing ended with a catch of what Rick called an "undesirable" fish. With conventional rod and reel he caught a 5 foot black tip shark after a 45 minute workout. Later he caught a 5'5" tarpon that took 20 minutes to bring alongside the boat for release.

Fly angler Nick Reding, from Longboat Key, Fl, while fishing with **Capt. Rick Grassett** on April fools day in high winds, caught several snook on a clouser fly and later in the day caught several trout to 4 pounds and Spanish mackerel on Ultra Hair Clouser flies.

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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, plus enriching experiences.

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- Fly Fishing Outings
- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
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