

The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club <u>www.tbffc.org</u> Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 6:00 p.m. Location: Compton Park Recreation Center, Tampa Palms (See below for Directions)

Invited Speakers Captains Bryon Chamberlain, Pat Damico and Frank Rhodes

Last March, these three intrepid flyfishers flew to Cancun and then ventured another 4 hours by van to Costa de Cocos, just north of the Belize border. They will present a power point presentation of their enjoyable adventure. Accommodations, guides, food and hospitality were superb and the fishing was great. Bonefish were the primary quarry but permit and tarpon also offered sight fishing opportunities. They will discuss tactics for success. You will love their fact filled presentation spiced with more than a few humorous episodes.

Featured Fly Tyers Bryon Chamberlain and Pat Damico

Captain Bryon Chamberlain will tie a simple but effective crab pattern that brought a beautiful permit to the boat for some photos during their first few hours of fishing on this trip. He will discuss how to use this effectively for bonefish and tough Tampa Bay redfish.

A Crazy Charlie bonefish fly and its variations will be tied by Captain Pat Damico. This simple pattern is a standard everywhere bonefish are persued. Redfish also find variations of this pattern hard to resist when properly presented.

It's Time to Pay Dues Again--\$25 for single, \$35 for family, extra savings for 5-year membership (see page 6 or 9 for application)

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

FEBRUARY 2010 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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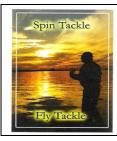
Dear Fly Fishers,

Welcome to February and hope you are getting in some fishing in between the cold fronts. Negative low tides this month provide good conditions for sight fishing the flats. Check out the low incoming tide and watch for fish moving up on the flat to feed. The American Legion, Cypress Street and Picnic Island are all good locations.

Thanks to our January speaker, **Kevin Howell** for his engaging talk on Argentine fly-fishing. Thanks also to **Jeff Janecek** who once again taught us how to tie a very productive fly.

Hope to see you all at the Shad outing, postponed to 5-7 February due to poor conditions in January. Look for details in the newsletter. Also, mark your calendar for our annual banquet on 25 March at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. This will be a great venue for good food and fun and the opportunity to buy some neat stuff at the auction. We are looking for items for the auction, so see any board member with your ideas.

All for now and tight lines. //Walt



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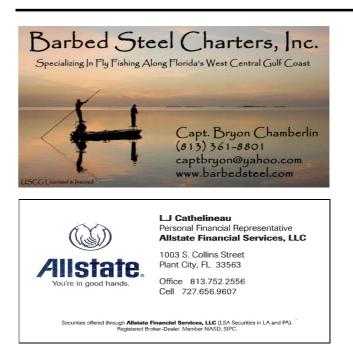
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The next meeting of the TBFFC Board of Directors will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 10, Location TBD.

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TBFFC EVENTS

2010 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for the rest of 2010: February 3; March 3; April 7; May 5; June 2; July 7; August 4; September 1: October 6: November 3: December 1. Please watch this space for any changes.

2010 SHAD OUTING

Those who signed up for the January shad outing already know that it was postponed because of poor weather and the absence of fish in the river.

The outing has now been rescheduled for the first weekend in February, (Feb. 5, 6, and 7).

If you did not sign up for the originally scheduled dates, but would like to attend at the new dates, please contact Leigh West at (813) 971-8697 (evenings), or come to the February meeting to see if space is available.

TBFFC CASTING CLINIC

Where: Compton Park Recreation Center (where we have our monthly meetings)

Date: Either Saturday, Feb 20, or Feb 27 (depending on attendee preference).

Time: 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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What: Come and improve you casting skills with our club's world-class instructors. Organized and led by Steve Parker.

Who: All skill levels are invited,

What Else: Lunch will be served.

These clinics are very popular, so be sure to sign up early at the February meeting.

0 **TBFFC AT 2010 FRANK SARGEANT SHOW**

March 5-7 at the Florida Fairgrounds:

TBFFC will have a table there to tell the public about our club and to recruit new members. Sign up at the March meeting for 2-3 hours at our table, then see the show for free!

The 19th annual Tampa Tribune Outdoors Expo and Boat Show, hosted by Frank Sargeant, is Florida's largest outdoors family event featuring the latest in fishing and hunting gear, boats, and a variety of outdoor products and services held in the Expo Hall and Sweetbay Entertainment Hall. Along with a kid's fishing derby, there will be numerous demonstrations and seminars each day. Show hours are Friday 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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LLOYD BULL PLANNING 2010 TRIPS

If interested in either of the great fishing adventures listed below, contact Lloyd at the December meeting or at (727) 784-8410. Hurry: Lloyd must make reservations soon.

- Great Bear Lake (his last) July 31-August 8 (approx)
- Also Green River, Early May.

SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS

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.

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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. 20

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 3

The second Essential to cast effectively is dealing with Slack. Slack line should be kept to an absolute minimum. Many casting coaches feel this is one of the most important Essentials. When learning to cast, or while practicing, use only your casting hand and pin the fly line to the cork grip with your fingers. If the line should slip while casting, your cast will usually collapse because of slack. Lefty says that the cast begins when the fly starts to move. Having your fly rod tip down close to the water will allow this to happen and will correct many casting errors. Keep line and rod in a straight line. Most people start their cast with the rod tip elevated building slack into the start of a cast and making a good backcast difficult. Other causes of slack are: movement of the fly line by outside forces such as the wind or water, rough, jerky application of power, and poor timing between the backward and forward cast. Placing your casting side foot a little rearward will allow you to watch your backcast. Make sure you can control and minimize slack before introducing the use of your line hand otherwise you will compound the problem.

Pat Damico, MCI 🧥

Dot's Sumi Salad Was December Meeting Favorite

Recipe for a Great Salad -Dot's Sumi Salad Mix:

1 - 16 oz. package Cole Slaw
 2 packages Ramen Noodles crumbled (don't use seasoning)
 8 Scallions sliced

Dressing

Mix - 1/4 Cup Sugar 3/4 cup Oil 1 tsp, Salt 1 tsp. Pepper 6 Tbsp. Vinegar (distilled or apple)

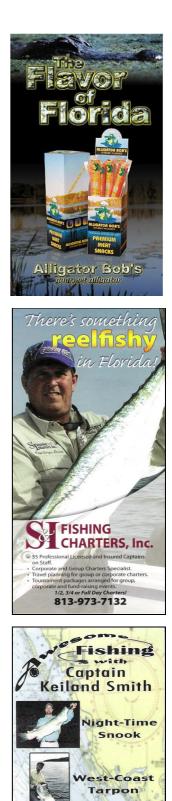
Pour dressing over coleslaw, crumbled Ramen Noodles & Scallions. **Refrigerate 2 hours or overnight.**

Brown the following in 2 Tablespoons of oil:

1/2 cup Slivered Almonds1/4 cup Sesame SeedsWhen ready to serve, top mixture with Almond/Sesame Seed mixture.

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--John Broom 🧥



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Janecek Brothers Fish Hard day and night to catch Trout in both Fresh and Salt Water.

Jeff (above left and right) used the Leech Pattern fly he tied at our January Meeting to catch the Carolina trout caught in December.

Jim (left) used the same pattern to catch a nice seatrout in early January. Looks like he got it before the cold weather arrived, or else he is an Eskimo!

TBFFC Annual Banquet and Auction

And Membership Renewal

Date and time: Thursday, March 25, 2010 at the Columbia Restaurant, Ybor City

Menu: A selection from the Columbia Restaurant's famous dishes.

Program: 6:00-7:30 PM Silent Auction, Hors D'oeuvres and cash bar; 7:30 PM Dinner, Live Auction and Entertainment 9:00 Closing Remarks, Pick up Silent Auction Items

Grand Prize Drawing –You May Have the Lucky Number

A. Order Form for Annual Banquet			
Where: Columbia Restaurant,			
When: March 25, 2010 @ 6;00 PM (Dir	iner 7;30 PM)		
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Number of Guests (including yourself)	(\$35.00 per person)\$	Total	
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This and That—Items of Interest to TBFFC

(please make a note of anything of interest—most items will not be repeated)

The Eyes Have It

Here's a link for fly tiers to purchase 3-D Eyes at a great price. Most 3-D Eyes are \$2.50 or more for a pack of 20. These come in sheets of 100 to 500 depending on size and sell for \$7.00 + depending on size and color. I got the "combo pack" in 4 colors and 4 sizes for \$7.00. They seem to run small in size, thus a 5mm is what usually would be considered a 4mm. For those that use them, it's a great value.

http://www.bogbaits.com/index.php?act=viewCat&catId=6

Jack Hexter 1/7/10

FFF Clubwire for January 2010

The January issue of the ClubWire is now available

http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4362

Island Earth Day Festival

I'm writing you on behalf of Honeymoon Island State Park in Dunedin, FL. We wanted to let you know about our upcoming Island Earth Days festival on April 17th and 18th! Each year we dedicate a large section of the festival to enrivonmental education and outreach. We call this area Osprey Village. We invite state and local non-profit environmental organizations to accept a booth in Osprey Village where they present a hands-on presentation for community members (children and adults) which promotes environmental awareness. This year we were hoping to include more local adventure and outdoor fitness clubs into Osprey village. We understand that, for many of you, your focus is on planning and implementing outings. Therefore, instead of requiring you to prepare an interactive demonstration, we would like to have an area dedicated solely to outdoor clubs. We will provide tables and you will be welcome to bring photos and information on your group. This arrangement will require minimal vollunteers/resources on your part, and will allow park patrons access to outdoor adventure opprotunities. If you would like to give a demo related to your club's activities, we certainly encourage it! Our goal is the promotion of environmental appreciation, and as you all know, getting out and enjoying nature helps us to see it's great value! I have attached our exhibitor application,

which contains futher details on the event. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I hope to see many of you for a fun-filled weekend in April!

Laura McLaughlin Americorps Member Honeymoon Island State Park #1 Causeway Blvd Dunedin, FL 34698 Fax (727) 469-5703 Phone (727) 462-6187 Iaura.mclaughlin@dep.state.fl.us

Fly Tying at Flint Creek Outfitters

Fly tying every Tuesday for the months of Jan. and Feb. 5-8. Learn how to use new materials and learn some new tricks to different flies. Bring your own materials and tools and get special discount on tues nights only. If you have any question call 813 681 1888.

Thanks Capt. John Hand

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Want to be an FFF Conclave Fly Tyer?

Hi to my Fly Fishing Friends in Florida, I would like to extend an invitation to all of the FFF Florida Council Members who would be interested in being a Demonstration Fly Tier at our upcoming FFF Southeastern Council Conclave. The conclave will take place next June 4-5, 2010 at the Unicoi State Park, in Helen, Georgia.

Would you kindly forward the invitation to your clubs and members? I would greatly appreciate it.

Best regards and Happy Holidays, Jodi Slapcinsky, SEC FFF Vice President of Communications and Fly Tying Chair jlslap@yahoo.com 386-454-2037

FLY OF THE MONTH Leech Pattern

As Tied by Jeff Janecek



See Page 5 for some fish caught on this fly.

Materials:

Hook:Size 8, regularThread:BlackEyes:Small red lead eyesBody and Tail:1/8 inch wide black rabbit zonker strip.

Instructions:

- 1. Place #8 hook in vice, facing down and tye red (size small) lead eye 1/8 back from hook eye.
- 2. Rotate with point facing up, tye black zonker strip around 2 inches long from hook bend, with fur facing the bottom of the hook. (part hair, put a drop of water in area).
- 3. Wrap thread, packing down the fur, till there is just thread showing; up to the lead eye.
- 4. Skin side of zonker strip should be wrapped or palmered facing hook, shank very tightly.
- 5. Wrap till up to lead eye, place fur over eye center,wrap the 1/8 inch space available behind hook eye tightly with thread.
- 6. Cut remaining zonker strip off, Trim fur around hook eye. Wrap thread back and forth to cover any remaining fur.
- 7. Whip finish several times.No glue.

Hints-I like to use 1/8 wide zonker strips in black. Fur is $\frac{1}{2}$ tall. Medium eyes can give it more action and sink faster but lands louder and is harder to cast. Sometimes this works better, however.

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

The month of January has been one to remember for the cold weather we experienced. That is the reason why not many fishes were caught. As I sit here tonight January 18, I have yet to receive one report. But with the warming of the water the last few days I believe the action will pick-up.

Robert Fisher, Lance Pocock and I fished the canals in North East St Pete last Thursday Jan 15 and caught a few trout on conventional rod and reel using Berkley Gulp and working them very veryslow. Robert did eventually use his fly rod and caught a 14" trout. The water was in the low 50 degrees and we saw a lot of dead fish.

John and Joan Willis fishing the Chassahowitzka Thursday January 14th did fairly well according to John. Using small clouser that John tied, Joan caught a nice one pound bass and each caught several ladyfish and mangrove snappers. All fish were caught and released.

Leigh West reports red fishing is pretty decent in the cold water. He reports sight fished and caught two a 24" and a 31" on the 16^{th} of January.

Capt. Rick Grassett reports the action pick up Jan . 17th. Dave Wahl from II. Fishing north Sarasota Bay near Long Bar caught and released about 10 trout on clouser flies including a 3 pounder that he sight fished out of a pothole.

With the full moon on Jan. 30th I'm told the tide should be favorable for trout and redfish in skinny water. Have fun fly fishing and go out and catch a few. Good Luck. SEND THOSE GOOD REPORTS IN.

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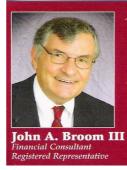
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