

The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club www.tbffc.org

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 7, 2010, 5:30 p.m. Location: Compton Park Recreation Center, Tampa Palms (See below for Directions)

Special Skin Cancer Screening Dr. John Millns

John Millns loves to fly fish, but knows the dangers of too much sunshine. John graduated from Ohio State U. medical school in 1974, did internal medicine at the University of Missouri, had dermatology residency at the Mayo Clinic, and then joined the faculty of USF for several years prior to going into private practice. He is clinical associate professor of dermatology at UF (Gainesville) and in private practice, doing both dermatology and dermatopathology.

John and his associates will individually examine attendees for any suspicious skin lesions. The examinations will take about three minutes for each person. All members and their guests wishing to be tested will be accommodated. Separate rooms will be set up for males and females. The examinations will be performed starting at 6:30, so come to the meeting on time.

Featured Fly Tyers You

Our fourth fly tying tutorial "Bull session" for members will begin at 5:30. As special demonstrators, we will also have Craig Smothers and Jeff Janecek who will show all members how to tie some productive specialty flies.

Craig Smothers

Craig cut his teeth fly fishing for smallmouth bass in the ponds near his home in Iowa City. After completing his undergraduate degrees at Cornell and his masters at the University of Minnesota, he worked as an ornithologist for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. After moving to Sarasota 26 years ago he began installing and maintaining large saltwater aquariums and koi water features all over the west coast of Florida. His current business is The Fish Physician LLC.

In addition, Craig has been a commercial fly tier for nearly 20 years. His local target is redfish. Tonight he will be tying quick and easy flies using "the new marabou—Arctic Fox".

Jeff Janecek

Jeff Janecek is a regular tyer in the club. He will tie several productive flies for freshwater. He will have popper bodies ready for you to tie on feather and legs. Use them to fish our July outing. His 4 patterns will get you into double digit catches.

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

JULY 2010 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello TBFFC members.

Well the steamy hot weather is here, and it's summertime once again. Please remember to use sun screen. Please also use your sun glasses, and take your hat or a cap to protect yourself from the sun when outdoors.

The club wants to THANK all the fly tyers that came to tie and to **Bryon Chamberlin** and all of the members that helped out with the "Bull Tying Session".

The Club also would like to THANK our June Speaker **Capt. Jon Brett** for his talk on the Gulf Oil Spill, and the Snook information program.

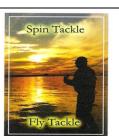
Sign up for the outing at **Dr John Millns** place out in Odessa, on lake Calm. This is a great outing on a spring fed lake for Bass &Blue Gills. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting.

If any member has an Idea for a club outing let us know. It is always good to get some new ideas.

On a sad note, our sympathies go out to **Jeff Abeles** on the recent death of his mother.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

Tight Lines,
Neil Sperling





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TBFFC EVENTS

2010 TBFFC MEETING DATES

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



may be picked up at our July meeting. However, some are on backorder and may not be available until next month.



CLUB OUTING AT JOHN MILLN'S CAMP

When: Saturday, July 10, early a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Note: a limited number of members may be allowed to camp overnight on Friday)

What: Come and try a bit of fresh water fishing on a private lake.

How to get there: Maps will be available to those who

sign up at the July Club meeting. What else: Lunch will be served.

This will be a rare opportunity to fish on private waters

with very low fishing pressure and naïve fish.

Our last outing to John's camp was a rousing success, so plan to attend, and chase away the dog days of summer!



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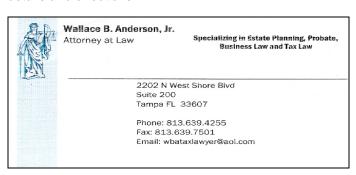
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Regular Meetings: 6:30pm on the Third Thursday of each month, except December, at Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7883 26th Ave. N., St. Pete.

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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. 25

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 8

Why do I get wind knots in my leader?

Does this happen even when there isn't any wind? A simple overhand knot in your leader will weaken it 50%, so avoiding them should be a priority. Knots in the leader or line while casting are all caused by the rod tip traveling in a concave direction, where the rod tip is lower in the middle of the cast than either end, resulting in a tailing loop. Remember, the line follows the rod tip. Your cast can tail on either the forward or backcast. Some of the most common causes are having too short a casting arc, the angle formed when the rod moves from the start to the finish of the cast and not applying power evenly during the cast.

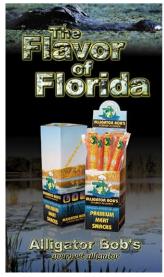
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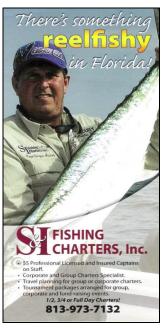
What to Do when You Actually Catch a Fish

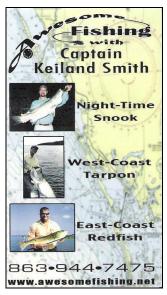
Assuming all goes well on a fishing trip and the tips from club members on fly tying, casting, where the fish are and how to catch them are useful, the next step is dealing with that big fish pulling on the line. It is best to bring the fish to the boat or the wader as quickly as possible without forcing it in. There is a balance and after a couple fish, one can feel the balance and have a pretty good feel as to the time and amount of pressure to apply. Assuming all the tips really pay off and the fish of a lifetime has been caught, it is fine to take a photo however, minimizing the amount of time the fish can be out of the water enhances the chances of survival. The best way to think of it is to put us in the position of the fish. Picture one of us running a few blocks at full speed fearing that we will be killed and then some big gorilla holding us under water. We really have not even had a chance to catch our breath from the run and then being held under water. I try to minimize the handling and if at all possible try not to remove the fish from the water.

Holding a fish for hook removal is necessary at times however, if at all possible, it is best to remove the hook while the fish is still in the water. Gripping the fish with dry hands and even wet hands can remove the protective slime from the fish. Although the fish may swim away and we feel good about the release, it may have problems later. Gripping the fish is something that should be done carefully in an effort not to cause internal damage to the fish which will also reduce the chances of survival. Many fishermen repeat the famous quote ""Game fish are too valuable to only be caught once." Lee Wulff. I know that Carl Hanson said this many times as well in his own words. (*More next month*)









Member Photos, July 2010



Whose fish is it? Here is a photo from a late May trip. An 18 lb dolphin was caught by both Robert Fischer and Alligator Bob. She ate two baits - they reeled it in with two rods! (Photo by Leigh West)



Pat Damico caught this wild Colorado Rainbow on the Frying Pan River in June while taking a break from a Project Healing Waters meeting.



Rick O'Hara rounded out a banner morning of fishing with Everglades fly guide **Kevin Mihailoff** by enticing a bonus 25-pound black drum to take the same black snake fly the tarpon ate! (see following page).

Member Photos, Continued





TARPON TIME! Here are five club members in various stages of their hookups with silver kings. Clockwise from top left are Dave Chouinard, Greg Peterson, Rick O'Hara, Nick Angelo, and Bryon Chamberlin.

It would take a lot more space than we have here to let them tell their individual tales of the hooking, playing, and landing to these magnificent fish. However, if you manage to corner them at our next meeting, you will no doubt receive a graphic blow-by-blow description from each of them.







Going Native!

Catching a 100 pound plus silver king may be one of the greatest thrills you can have with a fly rod in your hand, but the real enjoyment of fly fishing is taking advantage of the variety it has to offer. Ever get the desire to grab a fly rod and escape the summer heat for a few days? Within a days drive of my home there are scenic mountains, cool weather, and fish very anxious to take a fly. It is also an opportunity to confront a species of fish that has been around forever and is native to the eastern US. You will not need heavy tackle for this glamorous and hardy fish.



I am referring to, brook trout, Salvelinus fontinalis. Their living requirements are very specific. The freshwater populations occur in clear, cool, well-oxygenated streams and lakes. Brook

trout thrive in these environments with temperatures that remain cool and where there is little to no siltation. Stream dwelling brook trout require three habitat components, which include resting areas in pools, feeding sites near riffles or swiftly flowing water, and escape cover which normally is found along undercut banks, under woody debris, trees or large rock ledges. A population of native brook trout is a barometer of excellent water quality.

The lush mountains, especially further north, are a refreshing change from the constant heat and sun. Many streams enjoy a canopy of green foliage that not only keep water temperature cold, but will maintain a very comfortable air temperature for visiting fly fisherman.

It may be necessary to do a little research if traveling to an area for the first time. The internet makes this a snap. Begin a search with the state website, and then click on their department of fisheries. License and regional information is easily accessed. If not at all familiar with an area, search the nearest community for a sporting goods/fly shop. Your favorite rod or reel manufacturer will have locations, phone numbers, and websites for stores that sell their products. Contact them and ask questions about places to fish. What are current stream conditions, where to stay, what to bring, supplies they have available, and if they have a guide service. Use them as your local contact while in the area. One friend of mine and his wife. who had very little fly fishing experience, found a full service fly shop that gave them a package that included equipment, instruction and fishing in a mountain stream. They felt it was very cost effective and really enjoyed the day. They were then able to take what they learned and fish a few days on their own with much better results than if they went unprepared.

Rigging your rod, type of leaders to use, current fly patterns that are working, where to look for the fish, and how to approach and cast to be most effective are all

things that will be new to someone who is unfamiliar with freshwater trout. Some streams are on private land and access areas may be limited. Public streams that hold fish and are in good condition may be difficult to reach. USGS websites will have monitors on many streams that give stream and river conditions in real time. This information has saved me from driving a distance to discover that my destination stream would have been high and muddy or low with very high water temperatures.

If you are experienced in fishing for freshwater trout, you probably have most of what is required to have a successful outing. In summer mayfly hatches are waning and the trout will be less selective. Brookies are the least selective of the trout family. Terrestrials, hoppers, ants, and beatles are just the ticket for finesse fishing. Streamers and woolly buggers will attract larger fish.

I have to admit, I love to explore small streams. A topographical map and a compass will allow you to take a hike with your fly rod and spend a very relaxing day in a mystical wilderness. Boots, or waders, are usually not needed as you boulder hop from one clear pool to the next seeking native trout that have rarely seen an artificial. Stealth is the order of the day because these trout are very accustomed to their environment and are always looking for intruders. I like to use a three or four weight seven foot rod with a leader as long as the rod tapered to 5X. Study each riffle and holding area before making your cast to eliminate drag and make a careful natural presentation. Almost all this fishing is accomplished by casting upstream. Practice your roll cast for accuracy, because in close quarters this will be a necessity for success.

One of the advantages of this sport is that it allows you to continually expand and delve into aspects that make this a constant learning experience. Those of you that have never tried this will be pleasantly surprised at how enjoyable it will be. If it has been some time since you fished sweetwater for trout, you will get in touch with your youth. Streams that I fished with my father and friends many years ago offer a trip down memory lane that is unbeatable.

Capt. Pat Damico.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Craft-Fur Tarpon Streamer

As Tied by Bryon Chamberlin



Materials:

Hook: Owner AKI 2/0

Thread: Flat Waxed Nylon Orange

Tail: Chartreuse Craft-Fur

Body: EP Sparkle Brush Chartreuse

Yellow Schlappen

Chartreuse Cross Cut Bunny Strip

Marker: Dark Green

Instructions:

- 1. Attach thread to the hook near the bend. Tie in a generous clump of craft-fur. Make the tail about 2 inches long. Trim excess, whip finish and cut thread.
- 2. Remove hook from the vise and lay on a piece of paper. Using a dark green permanent marker, "bar" the craft-fur to give it a segmented look. Color one side, then flip and color the other side. Put hook back in vise and reattach the thread.
- 3. Tie in the EP Sparkle Brush just in front of the where the craft-fur was attached to the hook. Palmer the sparkle brush around the hook shank 2 to 3 turns. Tie off and trim excess using side cutters. Use a wire brush to comb out the sparkle brush.
- 4. Tie in a schlappen at the "fluffy" end. Palmer the schlappen around the hook shank. Tie off and trim excess.
- 5. Tie in the cross cut bunny. Palmer the cross cut bunny up the remaining portion of the hook shank. Tie off and trim excess.
- 6. Build up a head using the thread, whip finish and cover with head cement.

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

JULY 2010

This hot weather is keeping me off the water. I see from a few reports that some of you are getting out there.

Tarpon seems to be the target for most of the Captains in the area. **Capt Rick Grassett** sent me a report thru 6/6/10. Tarpon were being hooked and caught on live crabs and flies. Rick's clients also caught and released 6 trout on a Grassett Snook Minnow.

Member **Sam Bower** from Nova Scotia and his brother in law fished Forest Glenn in Yarmouth County Nova Scotia and caught all on flies 154 small mouth bass, one of them was a 20 inch.

Greg Peterson reports he caught 2 tarpon around 80 - 90lbs and **Dave Chouinard** caught a real nice one. Pictures were sent but I did not get them.

John and Joan Willis traveling through North Carolina, camping and fishing and catching some nice rainbows on a chartreuse grub that John tied. The grub is tied like a San Juan Worm, but has a bead head instead of chenille and some extra weight in the body.

Capt Bryon Chamberlin is Tarpon fishing the majority time that he goes out (surprise). He does report that they are slow to eat but is having some luck with a small 1/0 tan and purple tarpon toad. The fly has the same color as a pass crab, which is what most of the tarpon are feeding on just before they go off shore to spawn.

Tight Lines,
Bob Gaulin
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Project Healing Waters report

Our June meeting started with four new veterans that will participate for about six months. Ted, Leo, and I had the pleasure of showing these veterans the art of fly casting. After 50 minutes I received a high five, for showing a very enthusiastic veteran how to cast 50 feet. After a few more sessions, we will be fishing at Idlewild Baptist Church and have pizza and sodas afterward. Anyone interested in this program can contact me on the directors list.

Jeff Janecek 🗪

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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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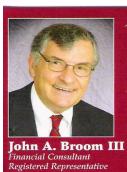
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