



## **The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club**

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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 05, 2011, 5:30 p.m.**

### **Special Guest Speaker**

**Jim Jeansonne**

Jim has lived and worked in the Tampa Bay area for over 30 years, and prior to that, all over the Gulf Coast. He has a BS in Marine Biology, Certificate in Meteorology, MA in Environmental Microbiology at USF, and has done additional graduate work in Ichthyology and Marine Ecology, making him well qualified for the work he does at NOAA.

Jim currently serves as a NOAA Scientific Support Coordinator at his home office in St. Petersburg, FL. As a NOAA SSC he is one of the primary advisors to the U.S Coast Guard Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) during an emergency response to pollution incidents and other types of responses under the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

His presentation will be to give some understanding of what goes on during such a huge spill response, and how it differs from a typical one. Also, although the most intense and high profile aspect of the response has ended, the response continues in the form of monitoring, shoreline assessments and cleanup, decontamination of the vessels and equipment used, and the continued search for and monitoring of any residual hydrocarbons deep in the Gulf or at distance from the source.

Note: There are many controversial aspects of the spill response, and he will not address any of those or be able to answer many questions related to them, unless the information is already public (and much of it is).

### **Featured Fly Tier**

**Robert Fischer ---- and You**

Robert Fischer began fly fishing when 9 years old off the seawall in Miami and in the Keys for barracuda and snappers. He got serious about fly fishing after meeting Rick Redd through the FCA, and later helped start the first fly club in the area with Rick, Jim Stewart and Jack O'Connell. Robert has caught over 66 different species on fly so far, including a legal redfish and trout on 2# tippet. His favorite fish on fly: bonefish, followed closely by dolphin. Robert jokes: "I've spent a great deal of my life fishing and the rest of it I kind of wasted on a career, family and the search for enlightenment." No wonder his name is Fischer! The fly he will tie is a spoon fly of his own design, great for redfish as well as most other flats species.

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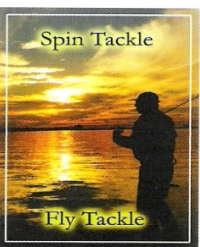
Here's hoping you had a great 2010 and will experience an even better 2011.

We ended the year with a memorable members' night complete with a superb fish fry augmented by numerous member gastronomic specialties. Thanks to all who helped to make the meeting a success, with special kudos to **Robert Fischer, Alligator Bob, Bob Gaulin, Pat Damico, Lloyd Bull, Bill Murdich, Logan Valeri, and Nick Angelo** who cooked and tied for us.

Our December outings included the traditional Play Hooky Friday outing headed up by **Bryon Chamberlin**, with lunch (chili) by **Ted Hagaman**, and the Don Coleman memorial outing at Fort Desoto Park held jointly with the Suncoast Fly Fishers (hosts) and the Mangrove Fly Fishers. Unfortunately, the Coleman outing was largely rained out.

We look forward to an educational and fun-filled new year, starting out with the shad outing on the St. John River, a club outing at Simmons Park, and before you know it, our annual banquet. Pay your modest dues, and come out to enjoy all of our club benefits!

Tight lines--Dick 



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## TBFFC EVENTS

### 2010 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for 2011; January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7 **Please watch this space for any changes.**

### WANT SOME CORTLAND PRODUCTS?

Lloyd Bull will have deeply discounted Cortland Rods, Etc. available for purchase at our January meeting. Call Lloyd at (727)784-8410 for details, or just see him at the January meeting.

### WATCH TARPON ACTION BY CHAMBERLIN

For those that would like to see some of the tarpon footage that we got while filming this year, just click on the link and enjoy!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ShK4sieksU>

The You Tube video quality isn't real good. I'll upload this video to Vimeo at 720p. Then you'll be able to view it full screen without it looking pixelated.

Thanks, Capt. Bryon Chamberlin

### WINTER EVENTS TO BE SCHEDULED

1. Club Outing at Simmons Park
2. Shad Outing – January or February 2011
3. The TBFFC annual banquet and silent auction



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## TIPS FOR TBFFC – No. 31

### Casting Tip for TBFFC: 14

How can I cast more effectively when the wind is blowing straight at me?

A recent casting clinic was on a very windy day when this became a serious issue.

You must do the following:

- Have a very tight loop on your forward cast;
- Adding a haul will increase line speed and penetrate the wind better;
- Change your casting plane from parallel with the water to one that is high on the back cast and low on the forward cast. The higher your forward cast, the longer the wind has to blow it back at you.
- Or cast horizontally close to the water with tight loops.
- Use a lighter line than recommended for your rod, it will penetrate the wind better;
- Shorten the leader and downsize your fly.

Pat Damico, MCI 🌞

### A tip about your Tip

I've noticed that a lot of fly fisherman don't keep the tip down; when retrieving the fly. Besides having to take up the slack before setting the hook, there's one more very important point to make. The topwater flies don't have any action gliding along while someone pulls in the flyline with the rod a foot above the water. I actually have the tip of my flyrod a ¼ inch below the surface. This creates a lot of drag on the fly. A fast 10 inch strip results in the fly pushing a lot of water but barely moving forward. Besides creating a nice big wake...the fly stays in the strike area longer. This action is guaranteed to get a lot more fish at the end of the day.

Jeff Janecek 🌞

### Cool it!

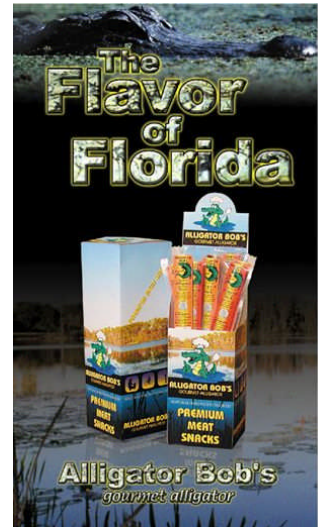
I have found that a dry bag can double as an ice cooler in a pinch.

Denise Bruner 🌞

### Improve you vision

An easy solution to cleaning sweat, saltwater and other residue off your polarized sun glasses while on the water: Carry a few single use disposable lens wipes in your shirt pocket- where they are most accessible. CVS Pharmacy sells a good quality store brand wipe, each of which comes packaged individually in foil. Trim the sharp corners off each foil package. Otherwise the corners tend to poke through the shirt pocket and quickly become bothersome.

Leigh West 🌞



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Member Photos January 2011

Colorful Fish Were Caught by Colorful Club Members



Redfish (Leigh West)



Bluefish (Craig Smothers)



Bonefish (Greg Peterson)



**Capt. Pat Damico** (left) and **Capt. John Hand** Sight fished for reds with Pat on the bow and John on the pole. John put Pat on some giant reds in skinny water very close to his B and B. Beats PA snow any day!



Member Photos for January, Continued



Here are a few candid photos showing some of the action at the Big Gun Shootout at Picnic Island Park on Nov. 21.



The weather and scenery were beautiful for our annual “Play Hooky for the Holidays” club outing, as captured in these photographs by **Denise Bruner**. Not too many fish were caught, but **Nanette O’Hara** was pleased with her Sheepshead. All who attended had an enjoyable time and gained some weight eating chili by **Ted Hagaman**.

## FLY OF THE MONTH No. 1

### Red Squirrel Fly

As Tied by Lloyd Bull



## FLY OF THE MONTH No. 2

### Toad Fly

As Tied by Nick Angelo



### Materials:

1. #6 hook
2. Red or Gray Squirrel Tail or in a pinch, dyed bucktail
3. Small Brass Eye
4. Gold Tinsel

### Tying instructions:

1. Place hook in vise and run thread back to the bend.
2. Tie on small amount of Squirrel tail. Tie Gold dumbbell eye on 1/4 back from the eye.
3. Use a crisscross method and secure with a "button" wrap.
4. Tie on Gold Tinsel at bend and wrap up almost to the Gold Eye.
5. Tie on Squirrel Tail directly in front of the eye with ends pointing back over the eye,
6. Now tie the Tail hackles on in a crisscross manner over the eye. Trim off the excess ends in front of the eye and cement it well.
7. This is an excellent fly for Freshwater Trout and for Salt Water.

### Materials:

- Hook:** Mustad 3407 #2 - #4  
**Head:** small bead chain eyes  
**Thread:** Dark Brown  
**Tail:** Two Brown Marabou Plumes  
**Flash:** Pearl Krystal Flash  
**Body:** Polypropylene yarn

### Tying instructions:

1. Apply a thread base to the hook shank.
2. Tie in the tips of two marabou plumes. This may seem bulky at first but it will look much thinner when wet.
3. Double a strand of the flash material over the thread and tie in.
4. Advance the thread to the front of the hook. Tie in eyes about one and a half hook eye length back from the front of the hook. Move thread back to rear of hook.
5. Remove the poly yarn from the card that it is stored on and cut five or six equal lengths of the material.
6. Tie in the hanks of the material merkin style. Cement in place if desired.
7. Trim the fly as shown in the photo above.

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## ***FLY OF THE MONTH No. 3***

### **Murdich Fly**

*As Tied by Bill Murdich*



### **Materials:**

**Hook:** Dai-Riki 700B

**Weight:** non-toxic wire

**Thread:** to match fly color

**Flash:** Polar Flash, Flashabou, or Sparkle Flash

**Hackle:** Neck hackle

**Body:** Crystal chenille

**Tint:** (optional) Pantone 617T or color of choice.

### **Tying instructions:**

1. Mount hook and wrap with 17-18 turns of non-toxic wire.
2. Attach thread and wrap to secure wire. Leave thread at hook bend.
3. Tie in small clump of flash at bend of hook to form a tail.
4. Tie in a hackle feather by the tip.
5. Tie in the body material (crystal chenille) at the bend of the hook.
6. Wrap the body material forward.
7. Wrap the hackle forward, tie off, and form a smooth head.
8. Apply (optional) tint over all parts of the fly, allow to dry.

## ***Fishing Report and Forecast***

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

**Leigh West** sent me a picture of a nice redfish while doing his thing, wade fishing with **Bryon Chamberlin**. They fished the pot holes during the negative low tides that was evident this past cold front. Flies of choice were dark colored clousers, toads and sliders.

**Greg Stepanski** took daughter fishing also during this past cold spell. Daughter caught trout on spinning gear and Greg also caught medium trout size trout and ladyfish on clouser minnows.

**Craig Smothers** fishing with the Sarasota Fly Tiers in the back waters of Boca Grande, caught 8 redfish and about 30 trout on clouser minnows

**Capt Pat Damico** was put on some nice redfish while being poled by **Capt John Hand**. Pat reported that John knows the water and where to find fish but the rest is up to you

**Capt Grasset** reported that during this past cold spell, his clients caught trout, redfish, Spanish mackerel, flounder and ladyfish using clousers and fishing them real slow.

I understand that the outing held at Cockroach Bay was successful. Redfish, trout and flounder were caught. Sorry I did not make it to be more specific as to who caught with what fly.

I would like to thank all who emailed or called reports in the past year. My wish is that you all have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Tight Lines,  
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