



## The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club

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

### Invited Speaker

**Capt. John Hand**

Capt. John has been fishing the Little Manatee River and the south shore of Tampa Bay since he was five years old. His grandfather taught him fly fishing and light tackle and his father the art of castnetting. Capt. John and his wife, Leslie are the owner/operators of Redfish Landing Guide Service, an Orvis Endorsed operation. The unique location of Redfish Landing affords the opportunity to catch Redfish, Snook, Tarpon, Shark, Speckled Trout, and Spanish Mackerel and Mangrove Snapper.

Capt. John is a FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor and Vice President of The Sunshine State Casting Club.

### Featured Fly Tyers

**Capt John Hand-- and You**

John will tie a pattern named the "Flash Golden" it was designed by Dr. Ben Estes for Savannah redfish.

This pattern is excellent for shallow clear water where the fish are spooky. With this estaz head the fly lands quietly. The marabou and gold flash gives the fly maximum motion with minimum movement.

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## OCTOBER 2011 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Flyfishers,

Welcome to October and cooler, fall weather. We will welcome back most of our "snow birds" and hope the cooler weather attracts both them and our local fish. This is one of the best times of year to fish and hope you can take advantage of it.

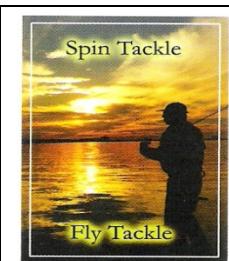
Thanks to **Logan Valarie** with help from his Dad on a great presentation on fresh water fly fishing for trout.

Logan also tied flies for us and has grown into a well-rounded fly fisherman at a young age.

We had outboard motor problems at our Chassahowitzka outing, but still managed to have fun and catch a few fish. Check the inside pages for pictures and other newsworthy events.

I will be in Mexico at the Cocos de Costa lodge for the second year in a row and will miss our October meeting, but will return in November with some good fish tales, I hope.

See you then and tight lines. //Walt ☀



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## TBFFC EVENTS

### 2010 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for 2011; October 5, November 2, December 7 **Please watch this space for any changes.**

### TBFFC CASTING CLINIC

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

**Date:** Saturday, October 15, 2011

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

**What:** Come and improve your 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 October meeting.

### OCTOBER "CARL HANSON" OUTING

**When:** Saturday October 29 2011, 7:00 am until Noon, followed by lunch.

**Where:** Rotary Park, Hillsboro River

**Includes:** Great lunch, Two beautiful Trophies

**Sign up:** At the October club meeting

This annual outing gives us a chance to interact with our friendly rivals across the bay, and to compete for the Carl Hanson Trophy for the most fish caught. TBFFC (Jeff Janecek) currently holds the trophy for the most fish, and Walt Durkin and Jeff Janecek jointly share the new Hanson portrait trophy for the biggest fish. Come help us keep both trophies!

It is necessary to have a boat, kayak, or canoe to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Hillsboro River, and to fish for the many pan fish and bass in the river.

For more info call Dick Miekka at **727-866-8682.**

### FLORIDA FFF FLY FISHING EXPO 2011

**When:** October 21 and 22

**Where:** Worldgate Resort, Kissimmee FL, 407-396-1400

The **Florida Council FFF** invites you to join us at the **WorldGate Resort** in Kissimmee, Florida for a meeting of all Florida flyfishers. Join with other flyfishers to celebrate the wonderful fishing experiences of our beautiful state. Learn the latest techniques, the best places to fish, which flies to use and meet new like-minded friends.

You can see the best fly tyers in the country, cast with some of the best instructors in the world and hear all about fishing opportunities and locations. You will be able to hear seminars from the best flyfishing guides and celebrities statewide and receive instructions from FFF Master Certified Casting Instructors.

Full details at <http://www.fff-florida.org/expo.htm>

### 2011 MCFF/CCA Fall Fly Fishing Challenge

The Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers and the Sarasota Chapter of Coastal Conservation Association will hold their 7th annual Fall Fly Fishing Challenge Oct. 29. Entry fee is \$50 and includes awards BBQ at the Ken Clark Auditorium, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Call **Rick Grassett** at (941) 923-7799 or **Steve Gibson** at (941) 284-3406 for information

### FUTURE CLUB OUTINGS AND EVENTS

1. **Big gun Shootout. November 6**
2. **Play Hooky for the Holidays Dec 2 or 9**
3. **Don Coleman Memorial (joint outing) Dec.17**

### SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS

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Regular Meetings: 6:30pm on the Third Thursday of each month, **except December**, at Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7883 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 40

### Casting Tip for TBFFC: 23

False casting, making a forward and back cast without delivering the fly to the target, is an excellent way to develop good casting skills. Using a bright line that can easily be seen, position your casting side foot rearward enough to allow you to observe your whole cast. A poor backcast is one of the faults most frequently observed. Using only the rod hand, start your false casting exercise with only 5 or 6 feet of line plus a 7 or 8 foot leader and concentrate on making narrow loops that are the same size on both forward and backcast. If you are getting nice consistent narrow loops, add a couple feet of line and continue the exercise. Start horizontally then cast more vertically. Add line in 2 foot increments. Small adjustments of the fundamentals we first discussed will give you consistent results and more confidence to carry more line. This is an excellent exercise to use each time you begin a practice session.

Pat Damico, MCI ☺

### Recipe for Salmon or Any other Fish You Catch

Grilled South-of-the-Border Salmon with Southwestern Corn Salad

#### Grilled S-O-B Salmon

Prepare marinade:    4 oz orange juice  
                         4 oz vegetable oil  
                         Zest of 1 lime  
                         Juice of 1 lime  
                         1 clove garlic-chopped  
                         2 oz tequila  
                         2 chopped hot peppers

Whisk to Blend

Marinate salmon filets 2-4 hours

Oil grill and grill salmon (covered) with skin on.

Serve each filet with a pat of Compound Butter (soften 1 stick of butter,  
                         Add 1 Tbl lime juice, zest of 1 lime, 1 Tbl hot pepper,  
                         1 Tbl garlic salt –Mix well and wrap in Saran wrap. Store in  
                         freezer until ready to serve)

#### Grilled Southwestern Corn Salad

Grill cobs in husk—peel husk and remove silk, dunk cobs in water, recover with husk, Grill corn 15 minutes (turning every 3 minutes)

Slice kernels off cob (1 cob =~1cup)

Add 1 can of black beans (drained)

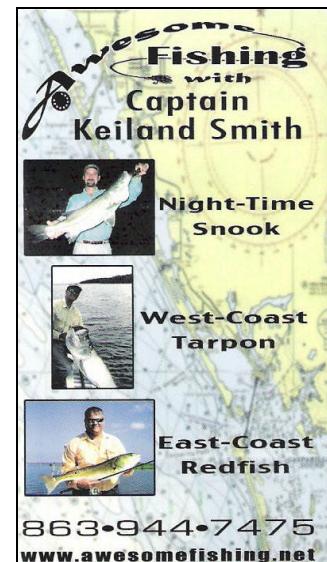
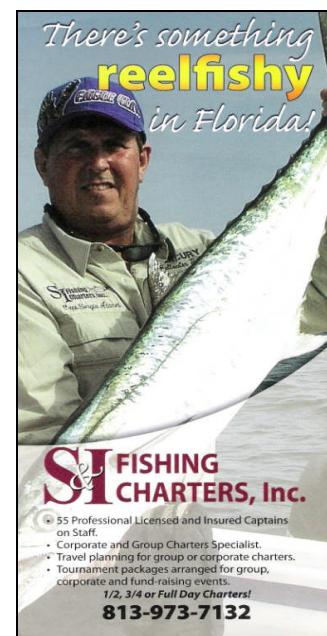
Add (chopped) 1 red onion, 1 red bell pepper, 1 green pepper

Blend spicesin food processor : 1 cup cilantro, ½ cup olive oil, 4 cloves garlic, 1 tsp sugar, juice of 3 limes, salt and pepper

Toss corn, veggies and blended spices.

Recipe prepared by Smokey Jo on Larry Csonka's North to Alaska,  
                         on Versus 3/27/2001

Nick Colantonio ☺



Member Photos, October 2011



**John Cornacchia** has **Nick Colantonio** sandwiched between his big Alaska Salmon, caught in the Goodnews River



These three red-bordered pictures show **Lynn Skipper** with his first tarpon caught on 10-wt fly rod while being guided by **Capt. John Hand** on Sunday August 2, 2011



**Frank Rhodes, Steve Parker, and Wes Sobczak** had a good day of fishing and catching little tunnies. One of Frank's tunnies (right) came in a little short!

## Member Photos, Continued



Here are a few pictures from our trip down to the Keys last week. I went with **Greg Peterson** and **Dave Chouinard**. I caught a nice bonefish (not pictured), Dave broke off a nice bonefish. Greg was the star of the trip....He caught a bonefish and his first permit (while wading). We tried to get him the slam till midnight. Greg ended up hooking 3 small tarpon, but lost all 3. So close, yet so far away. **Capt Bryon Chamberlin**



# A Primer for Waders

By Captain John Kumiski ©2010

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## Why Wade?

One of the most effective ways to approach game fish, as well as one of the most enjoyable of all the ways to fish, is by getting into the fish's element and wading. The angler has a low profile and keeps the disturbance of the water to a minimum, allowing him to sneak up on feeding fish without spooking them. Twice in the past month I have hooked shallow water reds with literally just the leader out of the fly rod's tiptop. The fish were so close, all I needed to do was dangle the fly in their faces. Exciting fishing!

For many species of fish which swim in our salty inshore areas, wading in many situations will actually be more effective than fishing from a boat. For example, in areas where redfish are heavily pursued by anglers in boats, they learn that boats are trouble.

## What to Wear

In Florida during the summer months, shorts and some type of protective footwear are all that is needed for comfortable wading. I stepped on a flounder one time while wading barefoot, and although nothing happened as far as injury goes, the incident was all it took to convince me that some sort of shoe really was a good idea. Crabs, sea urchins, shells, broken bottles, and other hazards to the feet make barefoot wading a stupid thing to do. The best footwear for wading are neoprene wading boots. These are similar to

dive boots, but have a stiff plastic sole which give support and protection to the foot. Orvis makes a good one. Since they're ankle high, they also keep sand and shells out, and resist the suction effect that soft bottomed areas sometimes dish out. Take it from me losing your shoe in bottom ooze in thigh deep water is not fun. In central and north Florida, waders make winter wading possible. For those for whom wading is only practiced occasionally, the boot foot type of nylon wader will suffice. For those for whom wading is a way of life, stocking foot neoprenes are the only way to go. Stocking foot waders need wading boots. On soft muddy bottoms chains aren't needed and muck sticks to the sole of the felt boots and makes wading tough. In this type of area, the hard soled neoprene wading booties like those mentioned above work much better. You may need to purchase a second pair for use with the neoprene waders, a size or two larger than your shoe size.

## Carry Your Stuff

Waders also need to carry all their paraphernalia. In the winter wading vests are a terrific way to carry tackle and accessories. Many excellent makes are on the market. Make sure the one you buy has enough storage space for everything that you'll need. Often in the summer vests are too hot to be comfortable. The only thing to do is carry less stuff. Some fishermen carry extra lures on their hat, others carry accessories in an over the shoulder type of bag. Simms, a well known manufacturer of angling accessories, makes some great products for wading fishermen. Look for their products at your favorite tackle store.

## What to Bring?

What accessories will you need? This depends on the type of fishing done. Anglers using conventional tackle need extra lures, pliers, and a glove for handling fish as an absolute minimum. Material for making shock leaders, a stringer (see below), water, food, smoking materials (for those who indulge) etc. get added to the essentials. You can end up carrying a lot of stuff. Flyfishermen need more stuff. Although their lures are smaller, they need fly boxes, leader wheels, dry fly floatant, hook files, pliers, clippers,

fish glove, and the usual miscellany as described above. Again, it can add up fast if care is not used. Be selective!

## Finding fish

Oftentimes waders can use a boat to find fish, then can anchor up, slip out, and start wading. Two (or more) wading anglers can work a long stretch of shoreline by "leapfrogging", that is, one angler hops out of the boat and starts wading. The other takes the boat downwind (or sun) several hundred yards, then anchors it. He starts wading. When the first angler reaches the boat, he takes it a few hundred yards down from the second angler, anchors it, and so on. If four anglers do this, they can work new water all day long and never have to fish alone. If one is right-handed and the other's a lefty, it works even better.

Of necessity much of the angling time spent wading will consist of casting blindly. In general, lures or flies that make noise, especially surface baits like poppers, often work the best for two reasons. First of all, watching and working a popper that you can see is more interesting than retrieving a subsurface lure or streamer that cannot be seen. Secondly, the noise a popper makes attracts fish that might never see an underwater bait. They can hear the popper and come to investigate. And although this is somewhat of an intangible, surface strikes are so much more exciting than underwater ones. Cast to any areas that you think might hold fish. Cast along oyster beds, rocks, stumps, pilings, drop-offs, the edges of grassy and sandy areas, or any other area or structure that might hide a fish. In addition to increasing the odds for a strike, your targeting specific locations before every cast will improve your casting skills and this will pay big dividends on future trips. Always look for signs of fish while wading. If fish are seen, try to get into the best possible position from which to cast. Sometimes you have to take any shot you have, but other times the fish are moving slowly and you can get that head on presentation. Remember that the first cast is usually your best opportunity. Try to make it count.

## Safety Concerns

Lastly, use care and common sense when wading, especially in new areas. Make sure the bottom is firm enough to hold you before hopping out of a boat. On the Gulf side of the Keys, and in most places in Everglades National Park, the bottom is very soft and the muck is very deep. If you just jump out you may find yourself up to your waist in marl with no easy way to get out. Also, if you step off a drop while wearing waders you will discover to your dismay that waders were not designed for swimming in. In our southern waters, stingrays are a cause for caution. Do the "stingray shuffle", never lifting your feet from the bottom. Kicking the ray's wing will cause it to swim away. Pinning it to the bottom will lead to a pierced leg. In waters with sharks or alligators (and where aren't they?), dragging a stringer with fish on it is a huge invitation to trouble. Most flyfishers don't kill many fish anyway, and this is another good reason not to. And finally, although wading can be done as a solo act, safety considerations dictate that you fish with a buddy. So find another fishing maniac and go chase those fish together!

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## **FLY OF THE MONTH**

### **Bead Head Midge**

*As Tied by Logan Valeri*



#### **MATERIALS:**

**Hook:** size 16 or smaller scud hook

**Bead:** matching size tungsten or gold bead head

**Thread:** black, olive, or brown 8/0

**Rib:** small silver or gold wire

**Collar:** fine black dubbing

#### **TYING INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Bend the barb of the hook down with pliers and slip the bead onto the hook.
2. Attach the thread onto the hook right behind the bead.
3. Wrap a thin body back to the bend of the hook.
4. Tie the wire down onto the hook from the bend towards the bead making sure that the wire does not wrap around the hook shank. Trim the excess.
5. Put more thread wraps down on the body to make a nice taper and leave the thread right behind the bead.
6. Wrap an evenly spaced rib with the wire, tie it down with the thread right behind the bead, and trim the excess.
7. Dub a THIN collar with fine black dubbing. Make sure it is just enough to hold the bead in place and not too much more.
8. Make two or three half hitches or whip finish.
9. You have successfully tied a bead head midge. Now, go catch a trout!

*Logan Valeri.* ☺

#### **Fishing Reel Sold on Ebay.**

Rick Bertram sold a penn 704 spinfishing reel (donated to TBFFC) for a profit to the club of \$18.83.

Thanks Rick!

## **Fishing Report and Forecast**

*"What a great time to go fishing!"*

### **OCTOBER 2011**

The fishing has been better lately due to the water cooling down a little.

**Rick Happle** and **Leigh West** fishing early evening caught a "mini slam" – a small trout, a small snook and a small redfish. Leigh also report sighting larger redfish and they were skittish with a lot of weeds present making difficult to fish.

**Neil Sperling** and family went to Ft DeSoto and rented a canoe. The wind was blowing 20 mph but they had a good time. Neil had his 8wt and made several casts with no luck.

The Chaz outing was great. Five members present with 3 boats. Members were **Robert Fischer**, **Lance Pocock**, **Alligator Bob Young**, **Bob Gaulin** and **Walt Durkin**. My mercury would not start, Walt's engine would not run, that left Lance's jet boat the only running boat. Walt decided to head back home and see what was wrong with his engine and found out it was bad gas. Alligator and I decided to stay since a friend of Lance lives on the river and offered to take us fishing in his boat. The fishing was okay but not great. Trout, jacks, ladyfish and catfish were caught. This all happened Saturday. That evening we were directed to a restaurant called "The Freezer" on the Homosassa River. We had a hard time finding it but it was worth it. The smoked mullet, peel and eat shrimp and snow crab legs were delicious. Sunday Robert and Lance were gracious enough to offer to pull my boat out and back. We fished for about 3 hours with little luck, the wind and tide was strong. One more note. The accommodations were great and are highly recommended. I may have forgotten a few details but I would try this trip again.

**John** and **Joan Willis**, fishing in the GSMNP, caught brook and rainbow trout, with John catching a 9 inch brookie in perfect weather condition.

Prospective member **Lewis Ezsak** and I fished Cockroach Bay and caught in neighborhood of 30 to 40 trout, redfish and ladyfish. All of them were small but Lewis did catch a 20" trout and a 20" redfish.

**David Mullins** emailed me that he caught keeper trout on the grass flats north of the St Pete pier on an EP bait fish pattern.

**Steve Parker**, **Wes Sobczak** and **Frank Rhodes** report a good day of fishing and catching little tunnies. See photo on page 5.

**Capt Rick Grassett** reports he had several clients with great action using Ultra Hair Clousers and Grassett Minnows. Trout, Little Tunnies, Snook and Redfish were the targeted species. Thanks guys.

Tight Lines,  
Bob Gaulin

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