

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Traditional Holiday Social and Skills Workshop

Food and Fun! Do not eat before the meeting—A genuine fish fry will be provided, but please bring a favorite appetizer or dessert if you can. Engage in friendly conversation, improve your skills and meet more of your fellow members!

Holiday Gift Swap Bring a mystery item wrapped up. Each participant will draw an item from the assembled collection (except you can't choose your own contribution), show it to the group, and enjoy your good fortune, or just have a good laugh. Nothing valuable (\$10 max), but funny, useful, or unexpected items will be enjoyed.

Bonus! If you bring a gift for the grab bag, you will be given a lottery ticket. After the gift exchange is done, we will draw two tickets for lucky winners of a new multi-piece fly rod and a beautiful fly reel. Remember, you must bring a gift for the swap in order to participate in these drawings. No Fee to enter! Good Luck!

Slides and Photos Bring any pictures that would be of interest to the club. We'll have a projector for computer files. This is a popular event. If you have 5-10 minutes worth of fishing or travel pictures, please bring them on your laptop (or just on a memory stick as long as we have at least one laptop) and share them with the membership.

Fly Fishing Flea Market Bring all of those fishing items that you no longer use to the meeting. We will set up a table to allow interested buyers, sellers, and traders to get together. Bring rods, reels, fly tying materials, anything but old bait!

Knots and Rigging Learn how to tie knots, construct tapered leaders, and rig tackle. Bring your tackle to be rigged. One of the club's friendly and knowledgeable members will be glad to assist you.

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2013 DUES—USE FORM ON WEBSITE OR PG 9

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

DECEMBER 2012 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers,

Happy Thanksgiving to all and hope you enjoyed the day with family and friends.

Our Big Gun Shootout was one of the most successful of all time, with contestants from numerous clubs. Thanks to everyone who helped out and participated. Many others are now asking about our setups and procedures, and are planning to start their own Shootouts. Details of our event are given below on page 7.

Thanks to Bryon Chamberlin and Leigh West for their impromptu talk last month (after the house projector quit working), which several members praised. TBFFC is fortunate to have many friendly and knowledgeable folks with whom we can share our sport.

Thanks also to Bryon for teaching us how to tie his version of a Crazy Charlie bonefish fly that worked so well on a recent trip to Xcalak, Mexico. Instructions for tying the fly are given on page 8 below.

I hope to see everyone at the December holiday meeting for grits and grunts and also a swap meet. Be sure to bring a wrapped gift (circa \$10) to participate in the gift swap and earn an entry into the drawing for a rod or reel.

Take care and try to make time for fishing over the holidays. Our cool and clear waters will refresh and perhaps yield a nice red or trout.

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The next meeting of the TBFFC Board of Directors will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 12. Location TBD.

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TBFFC EVENTS 2012-2013 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for 2012 and 2013; December 5, 2012, January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 6, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, 2013. Please watch this space for any changes.



PLAY HOOKY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

When: Friday, December 7, 8:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Where: State Fish Hatchery at Port Manatee

This has become a favorite outing for many of our members. We hope to have a brief tour and discussion of the hatchery facility given by good friend Gina Russo, followed by fabulous fishing in the manmade detention ponds. In the past, members caught numerous types of fish, including "baby" tarpon. After fishing, attendees will enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Alligator Bob.

Sign up at the December club meeting Directions to the location will be available.



DON COLEMAN INVITATIONAL OUTING

What: Annual outing sponsored by the Suncoast Flyfishers, with TBFFC and Mangrove Flyfishers invited to attend.

When: December 15, 2012

Where: Fort Desoto Park: just start fishing wherever and

whenever you wish.

Lunch and Chili Cook-off: Noon at the Arrowhead Picnic area. Better plan to get there a little early—the food ran out just before noon at least once in the past.

Feel free to bring appetizers, baked goods or desserts to put on the buffet table.

There will be plenty of hot coffee and cold drinks. If it rains, lunch will be at shelter #10 in the North Beach Picnic Area

Sign up at the December club meeting



FUTURE EVENTS

- Annual Overnight Shad Outing, January or **February**
- TBFFC annual banquet and silent auction, March

Casting Clinic, Time to be determined.

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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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TIPS FOR TBFFC - No. 53

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 36

WHEN TO TEACH THE DOUBLE HAUL

At the November TBFFC meeting there was a question from a member about learning the double haul. I hear this often, especially by a casting student who is getting into saltwater fly fishing, when asked about their primary reason for our session. What they are really saying is, "I want to cast farther." Lefty Kreh has stated, "Most fly fisherman use the double haul to throw their mistakes further!" In most instances when the student is asked to demonstrate his or her casting skills there are many errors in basic casting mechanics. Once these basic errors are corrected, then the teaching of the double haul, which primarily increases line speed, can begin.

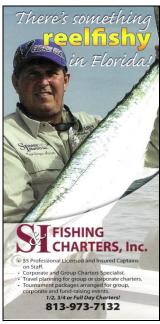
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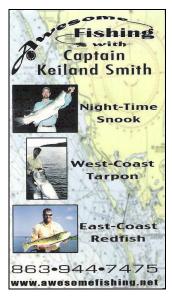
Use the Right Lenses to See More Fish in the Water

When sight fishing in low light such as early morning or cloudy days, consider using yellow polarized glasses instead of amber or brown ones. I find that using the amber lenses in these conditions actually causes me to see less under the water because it makes things too dark. Yellow lenses tend to brighten things up in these conditions and they give you more contrast. I also find myself using the yellow lenses in bright sun when fishing over grass flats. I have noticed that I can see fish a little easier since the added contrast makes them stand out more from the grass.

Capt. Bryon Chamberlin 🗪







Member Photographs, December 2012



Denise Bruner finally caught her first Tripletail; actually she caught 4 of them with Capt Rick Grasset (guide trip from the Banquet) in Sarasota Nov 13 off of the Stone Crab buoys. They spent 3 hours catching mackerel and false albacore in the morning and she caught her first albie too, and would have caught more but the mackerel kept getting in the way!





<<<< Georgia member Wally Ziprik III was in the BWCA about the same time (August) as the Durkin-Hagaman party, and attached this photo as "proof"

Only **Frank Rhodes** could do it! >>> In five minutes and three casts, he caught this 30 lb. musky while fishing the "musky mile" on the French Board River in North Carolina, with Capt. **Dave Chouinard**. Muskellunge in NC???



Here is the "missing photo" from last month showing Jay Wright and Leigh West holding their trophies for winning largest snook and redfish, respectively, at the 2012 MCFF/CCA Fall Fly Fishing Challenge held on Sunday, October 29.



Member Photos, December 2012, Continued

If you can't find yourself in the photographs below, you must have been hiding from the cameras at the November 4 Big Gun Shootout, or else you just weren't there.



Trophies were presented to the winning team of (L to R) Nick Angelo, Leigh West, and Bryon Chamberlin by David Diaz* assisted by TBFFC president Walt Durkin.

^{*}Chairman of the FFF Casting Board of Governors

COMPLETE RESULTS OF THE BIG GUN SHOOTOUT HELD AT PICNIC ISLAND PARK ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012

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FLY OF THE MONTH Tan Charlie

As Tied by Bryon Chamberlin



Materials:

Hook: Gamakatsu SL45 Bonefish Size #8 **Eyes:** Bead Chain Size Small in Nickel **Body:** Vinyl Rib Medium in Amber Color

Wing: Calf Tail in Tan Flash: Fire Fly in Pearl

Thread: Flat Waxed Nylon in Tan

Tying Instructions:

- Put the hook in the vise hook point down. Attach thread near the hook eye and wind down toward the bend about 1/4 inch and attach the bead chain eyes on the top of the hook via figure eights.
- 2) Wind the thread down to the beginning of the bend of the hook.
- 3) Tie in the vinyl rib (flat part against the hook) so that it points away from the hook eye. Then also tie in 2 pieces of flash by the ends. Once securely tied in, wrap the thread back up toward the hook eye and stop just behind the eyes.
- 4) Wrap the flash toward the hook eye to cover the hook shank and thread. You can make multiple passes here since the flash is pretty long. Tie down the flash just behind the eyes with a few wraps of thread and trim the excess.
- 5) Wrap the vinyl rib up toward the eyes and secure with several wraps of thread. Trim the excess vinyl rib.
- 6) Flip/rotate the hook in the vise so that it is now hook point up.
- 7) Move the thread just in front to the hook eye to tie in the wing.
- 8) Take a small pinch of calf tail and line it up so it doesn't extend more than about a 1/4 to 3/8 of an inch beyond the hook and tie it in with a few wraps. Tie in a few strands of flash and trim to the length of the calf tail
- 9) Trim the excess flash and calf tail and build up the head of the fly.
- 10) Secure the thread via whip finish, cut the thread and apply head cement.

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"
DECEMBER 2012

Guest Forecast by Capt. Rick Grassett

You may find reds along with big trout concentrated in potholes or along the edges of bars when the tide is low in December. Reds may tail on shallow flats when the tide is low. You may also find reds and sheepshead around docks this month. This is a good month for catch and release snook action around lighted docks in the ICW. Some lights will also have trout making it possible to get a dock "slam". There may be good action in the coastal gulf with false albacore (little tunny), Spanish mackerel and tripletail, particularly early in the month, depending on conditions.

Catch and release **snook** fishing around lighted docks can be good this month unless it gets too cool. I don't recommend fishing for snook following a strong cold front or if the water dips below 60 degrees. However, it can be very good in December under normal conditions. Larger baitfish will thin out and snook will gorge themselves on glass minnows and small shrimp in the ICW at night. I like docks that have a good tidal flow and deep water under them. Fly anglers should do well with sink tip fly lines and small white flies, like my Grassett Snook Minnow. Shrimp Gurglers on floating lines may work well when snook are chasing shrimp in the lights. Fish peak tidal flows for the fastest action. The ICW between Sarasota and Venice is one of my favorite snook areas in December.

You may also find **big trout** in skinny water this month in many of the same areas where you find reds. The same flies and techniques that I use for reds will also work for trout in the same areas. I release all big trout (over 20") since they are usually females and I feel it is important that they are left in the water as breeders.

Tight Lines, Capt. Rick Grassett Snook Fin-Addict Guide Service, Inc.

Notice: Termination of Newsletter Mailings

If you have been receiving this newsletter by U.S. mail instead of email, please note that the **December 2012** issue of the newsletter will be the last one to be sent out by conventional mail. By now, only a few members still rely on "snail mail" for their monthly newsletters and the costs for printing and mailing these few copies are becoming prohibitive. Also, we restrict the size of mailed copies to ten pages to avoid extra postage charges. To avoid missing any future issues, please send your current email address to rmiekka@tampabay.rr.com.

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