



**Next meeting 1 Jul  
0600 PM to 0900 PM**

**Speaker: Dr. John Millns**

Our next meeting will feature a skin screening by long time club member Dr. John Millns. Dr. Millns attended medical school at Ohio State University College of Medicine and graduated in 1974 having 41 years experience. Dr. John and his daughter Laura will give you a free exam, answer questions and refer you if necessary. While you are waiting your turn, we will also swap/sell used fishing gear. Please bring your extra stuff to make a little money and pass on to someone who may need it. Finally, we will show the cult movie Tarpon on our screen. This documentary is set in the Keys in the 1970s and features writers Tom McGuane, Richard Brautigan and Jim Harrison. Original music written and performed by Jimmy Buffet. The film depicts the early days of fly fishing for tarpon against the background of old Key West.

**Tyer: Logan Valarie**

Logan will tie for us as he take a break from tarpon fishing with his Dad, Rick and friends in his new flats boat. Wish Logan well as he catches as many fish as possible this summer before starting college at the University of Florida this fall. Logan is a long time club member who honed his fly fishing skills under the careful eye of his Dad and club members.

**Directions to Our Meetings (0600pm):** From I-75---Take Bruce B. Downs exit from I-75; go west 2 miles to traffic light, turn left on to 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.

## MAY 2015 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to Glen Pla, the Average Angler, for speaking to us last month. Glen was interesting and informative as he talked about future episodes of his show on Brighthouse. His tips on where and how to fish were appreciated by all.

Thanks to Jeff for tying his freshwater bugs, which we used for our outing on Calm Lake. Jeff is a creative tyer and puts all his patterns to a through test on the water.

We are gathering details on a potential trip to the Chattooga river to trout fish 2-4 days in early Nov. Will discuss at the next meeting to find out the level of interest.

Thanks to those who contribute to our newsletter. Please email me items of interest any time. Don't forget to watch our Facebook page and contribute if you can. Finally, we welcome input on future outings, other events or speakers for the club.

// Walt Durkin 

## EVENTS

- August meeting – DIY tips on fishing the Ft Lauderdale and Miami area.
- Mexico trip – 17 to 24 October
- FFF Enclave, Miami – 23, 24 October
- **Chattooga river, Georgia, four days early Nov for trout fishing, any interest?**

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## 2015 TBFFC MEETING DATES

This month's meeting is 1 July from 6 to 9 PM followed by 5 Aug.

## TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

**Club Facebook.** Please visit and like the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club on Facebook to keep up-to-date with club meetings and events. We also share tips about what's biting now, advice on casting and fly-tying, and news about fisheries conservation. And, we love to share your fishing photos, so don't be shy! The Facebook page is also a great way for members to connect with one another and share knowledge about fly fishing. The page is at [Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club](#)

**13 June - Lake Calm Outing.** Fourteen club members had a great time fishing Lake Calm. I arrived at 6 AM and found four early birds waiting for me to open the gate to the property. Weather was good with clear skies and a mild breeze to keep it as cool as possible on a June day. I fished with David Eddy and his daughter Rachael in my Gheenoe. Rachael caught her first fish on the fly and David caught some nice bass and brim. Ted Hagaman caught the largest bass and Jeff Janecek the most fish. We awarded them both a \$25 gift card. Thanks to Kathy Anderson for providing Cuban sandwiches for lunch along with watermelon and cookies. Rick O'Hara provided a salad, so we ate well as usual. Thanks to Nanette for taking photos and updating our Facebook page. Thanks to Dr. John Millns for letting the club use his beautiful property.



**CCA STAR Tournament.** STAR anglers will compete for a total of nearly \$500,000 in prizes and college scholarships during the summer long tournament which runs from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Talk to any of our CCA members for more details. **The first big prize of a brand new truck was awarded to an angler who just caught a tagged red in Cockroach Bay. Next winner will get a Hells Bay boat.**

**8-15 Aug – Trip to Cuba.** Captain Phil Thompson helped four club members book a week's fly fishing to Cuba with Avalon. We will fish from a houseboat with seven guest cabins that accommodate two anglers each. We will fish the Jardines De La Reina, a vast marine park bigger than the Florida Keys. Flights and visa's were easy to obtain from Caribe Travel in Tampa and we look forward to a great trip. We will provide details of our adventure at a future club meeting. **We are seeking flies to try out in Cuba and leave with the guides post trip.**

**Global Access Program.** I applied on-line and was accepted into this program. It allows easier return thru customs from foreign travel as you bypass all those long lines. You also get preferred "pre-check" TSA status at security lines in the U.S. The program cost is \$100 for five years after which you must re-apply. Get more info online at [global.access.gov](http://global.access.gov). if you are interested.



## Tips for TBFFC

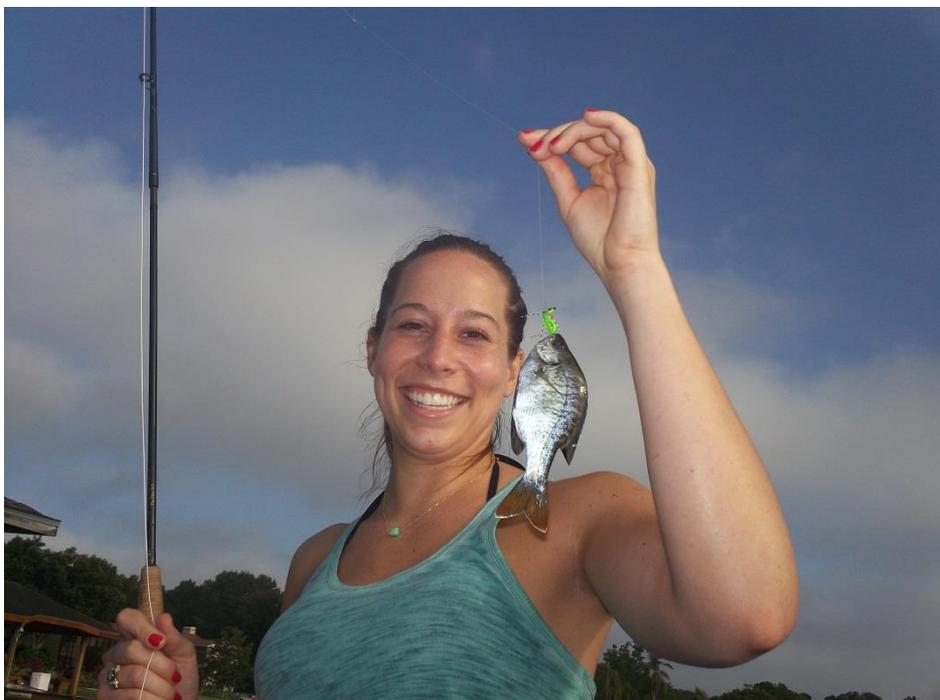
One of my pet peeves is having a client or casting student tell me that the fly line they purchased is one size larger than the number recommended by the manufacturer of their fly rod. Builders of fine fly rods spend a lot of time deciding what number they will put on their product. Most inexperienced people can cast a short distance easier with a heavier line because in fly fishing the weight of the fly line bends or loads the rod rather than the weight hanging on the end as in bait or spin casting. This is a very good reason why your relationship with a fly shop should be carefully selected. New fly fishers need constant help and guidance through the learning process. Careful individual instruction is the key to learning to cast well. The better you cast, the more you will enjoy our great sport. **Pat Damico, MCI**

## Random Thoughts from the Tying Bench

By C.W. "Don" Coleman

HAS THE MAGIC GONE OUT OF YOUR FLY TYING? Try something different and experiment with blended colors in your flies. Manually mix hairs from dyed bucktails in the wings of your saltwater flies--bendbacks for example--to give the impression of other colors, or to simply modify any solid color. You can tint or shade any color, or create texture within a solid color to create a vibrancy and the impression of life and movement in the wing

Don't overdress the fly. Space within the wing will allow water to move individual hairs and allow light to penetrate the wing. Depending on how the light hits individual hairs, they can each exhibit a different hue. Notice that although all the leaves on a tree may be the same color, individual leaves will have a different hue depending on the how they are lighted (directly, backlighted, shaded, or by reflected colors.) Also notice how much more mobile are the leaves of some trees (such as Aspen and Maples) than are those of dense conifers because there is space around the individual leaves that allows the wind to move them. You want to give the impression of life within a fly, and mixing colors is another way to create that illusion.



## Lake Calm Outing

Top left: New members David Eddy with a bass, daughter Rachael with her first fish on a fly; Ted with largest bass of the day!



Capt Rick Grassetto guided a client to a tarpon, Robert Fischer's bass from Lake Calm, Walt with a big drum caught while Pompano fishing under the Gandy Bridge

## Fishing Report and Forecast

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

**Capt Pat Damico provides this report from his Captain’s Corner:** Many reports from local fly guides and serious fly fishers are filled with frustration. This is the time of year that many of us have anxiously awaited. The difficulty of getting migrating tarpon along the beaches to accept a fly makes this a daunting task but can be compounded by the daily displays of poor manners by many anglers. Casting a fly to relaxed fish has become much more difficult. Finding laid-up fish or fish daisy-chaining is now a rarity. Chasing a school of visible fish with an outboard or even a fast-running trolling motor will put them on high alert and ruin everyone's chances for success, especially in the shallows. Spending time on the water will give you a good idea of areas that tarpon frequently travel. Anchor in those areas and wait for relaxed fish. Have a float attached to your anchor with a quick disconnect so that when a fish is hooked, you can follow them and later return to your spot. In the shallows, a push pole is the stealthy way to go. If you see someone "on the pole," they have to be in shallow water. Stay away! Apply the golden rule to your time on the water and everyone's success rate will increase.

**Capt Rick Grasset** suggests tarpon fishing in the coastal gulf should continue to be strong as long as conditions remain good. Catch and release sight fishing for snook in the surf with flies or DOA Lures should also be a good option. You may find trout, Spanish mackerel, blues or pompano on deep grass flats, particularly close to passes. Look for reds, snook and big trout mixed with mullet schools on shallow flats and edges of bars.

# 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 8-15 Cuba trip
- Sept 12-13 Florida Sportsman Show
- Sep CCA tournament
- Oct 17-24 Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip
- Oct 17 Carl Hanson Outing, Hillsborough River
- Oct 23-24 FFF Enclave, Miami, FL
- Early Nov Chattooga River, Ga trout fishing
- **Nov 22** **Big Gun, Picnic Island**
- Dec 2 Members Year-End Party
- Dec 4 Play Hooky Outing
- Dec 19 Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

## Member Benefits

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.

- Monthly Meetings with informative speakers
- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
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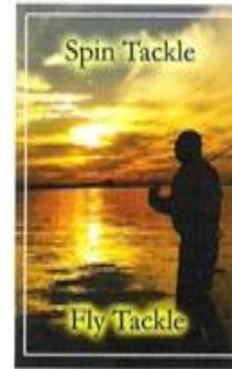
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