



**Next meeting 2 September
0600 PM to 0900 PM**

Speaker and Tyer: Bruce Evensen

Bruce is a long time resident of the Tampa Bay area and an avid fisherman. Working at the fly department of Bill Jackson's he continues to hone his skills as a fly fisherman. He will share some of his secret spots from Venetian Isles to the St. Pete/Clearwater Airport where he has fished most of his life. He has prepared a detailed presentation with maps showing the best spots. Looking for secret spots for both big and baby summertime tarpon? Come join us as Bruce discusses specific locations, tactics and flies. You will have the opportunity to learn about one of the most productive areas of Tampa Bay.



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to Kelly and Wes for their great presentation last month. Kelly is a great photographer and always builds a super presentation. I look forward to fishing with them in Alaska next month. Thanks also to Ted Hagaman for tying the Avalon permit fly, a very effective shrimp imitation.

Please remember we need club members to work the fly casting pond at the Florida Sportsman Show on 11-12 Sep. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting or talk to Dick Miekka. You will get free parking and admission if you can help for a couple of hours demonstrating fly casting to adults and kids.

Check the newsletter for many events coming this fall. We will be trying to change the venue for the Carl Hanson to Lake Tarpon where the fishing may be better. More news on that next month.

Hope you are having a safe and happy summer. Get out early and watch for the late afternoon storms.

// Walt Durkin 

EVENTS

- CCA Photo Release Tournament: 19 Sep
- Sarasota MCFF/CCA fly fishing challenge: 17 Oct
- Mexico trip: 17 to 24 October
- FFF Enclave, Miami: 23, 24 October
- Chattooga river, Georgia: 10-15 November
- **Play Hooky at the Hatchery : 11 Dec**

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2015 TBFFC MEETING DATES

This month's meeting is 2 Sep from 6 to 9 PM.

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](#)

10-15 Nov , Chattooga River Outing. Ted Hagaman and I will travel to Georgia by car to fish the Chattooga along the Georgia, S Carolina border. We will travel one day, fish four days and return the last day. We will stay in the historic log cabins at Oconee State Park (864-638-5353) in S Carolina, near to the fishing. Ted is experienced in fishing the river and he and I can get folks started on how and where to fish. The Chattooga is designated a wild and scenic river and is fairly small and easy to wade in the areas we will fish. Members wishing to join us for all or part of the trip should make their own reservations. We can also talk about car pooling if desired. Check out the river and the park online and let us know if you want to come along.



7-15 Aug – Trip to Cuba Update. We had a successful trip to Cuba and made it back safely. I recommend Cuba as a destination this year before the American crowds arrive. Travel and visa's are fairly simple and our hotels in Havana were modern and elegant. The city still has an old world charm and the people are welcoming. The fishing was also terrific in an unspoiled area of islands the size of the Florida Keys and no people. We will offer a presentation of our trip for the club in October. We also brought back fin clips of bonefish for the Tarpon and Bonefish Trust genetic studies.

19 Sep - CCA Tampa Photo All Release Challenge will be held at the Tampa Bay Watch Marine Center in Tierra Verde. Registration, dinner and the captain's meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Friday (18 Sep). Fishing is Saturday beginning at 6:30 am. For additional information please contact Don Roberts (813) 918-4779 or Morgan Lynch (850) 345-6627

17 Oct - The Sarasota MCFF/CCA Fall Fly Fishing Challenge: New for this year Tampa folks don't have to attend the Friday meeting. Instead, you will be emailed a token and can use your own measure device, which needs to be brought to the check-in. This means you only need to show up to fish on Saturday. Details: <http://fallflyfishingchallenge.com>



Tips for TBFFC

One of the components of a weight forward (WF) fly line head is the forward taper. This section attaches the tip to the belly. This component determines how the fly is delivered. It can be a delicate delivery as is needed for small flies, or a hard presentation as in bass bugs or large flies. The smallest diameter is at the tip, the largest at the belly. This gradual or fast graduation over a short or long distance determines presentation. **Pat Damico, MCI**

P.S. For saltwater fly fishing the “Redfish Taper” is a good choice. This is usually a fairly short front taper that handles most saltwater flies very well. The clear sink tip is also a versatile fly line with good weight forward characteristics. I recommend everyone use one for both stealth and general fish-ability. Most of our gamefish live and eat in the bottom half of the water column and that clear sink tip will help keep you in the strike zone. //Walt

Random Thoughts from the Tying Bench

By C.W. “Don” Coleman

CARL’S GLASS MINNOW – Carl Hanson’s favorite fly has been bastardized so often lately by those who claim to have known Carl and the final version of his fly that some explanation is warranted. I was one of the regulars at Carl’s fly tying clinic and his after hour’s discussion group, for more than 15 years. I also fished regularly with Carl. Carl is credited with developing a fly with the body over-wrapped with 15 or 20 pound, clear monofilament. He wrapped the monofilament like you would snell a hook or tie a speedy nail knot. The body itself was usually aluminum foil from the kitchen wrapped around the hook shank. The sparse wing of his fly was very simple: colored bucktail over white bucktail. In the early years of development, he tied the fly with the wing on top of the hook shank. The final version of Carl’s Glass Minnow was a bendback on regular length saltwater hooks in sizes #6, #4, and #2. Only in late years did he start adding Krystal Flash in the wing, although I don’t believe he thought it necessary. He always used red thread for his flies and coated them with fingernail polish. Period. No extra embellishments. His “Glass Minnows” have probably caught more fish in the Tampa Bay area than any other fly. Although Carl could tie any fly, the “Glass Minnow” was his trademark fly.



Here are a few pictures from our trip to Cuba. Frank with a nice bonefish, Ted with a tarpon and our houseboat. We had perfect weather, a great time and caught a variety of fish. Food, guides and accommodations were also super. We fished the “Garden of the Queens”, a 75 mile stretch of islands 60 miles off the south-central coast of Cuba. We will present details of the adventure at our October meeting.

Capt. Rick Grasset's Crane Meadow Lodge, Twin Bridges, MT Report for 8/15/2015

Rick hosted a group of friends and clients on a destination fly fishing trip to Crane Meadow Lodge in Twin Bridges, MT last week. This is an annual trip and was our 14th year at the lodge. We fished the Beaverhead, Big Hole, Jefferson, Ruby and Madison Rivers in southwest Montana where we caught and released numerous brown and rainbow trout and some brookies during the week. We fished streamers and a variety of grasshopper dry fly patterns, often with a nymph dropper, on 4, 5 and 6-weight fly tackle. We also had some dry fly action with tricos and a few other bugs.





Right, Andrew Constantinou with a 16 lb carp caught on Smitty's Dog Biscuit fly at Lower Caldicot Essex, UK. Above, Maj. Shawn Ceranic shows off his son's success on Peacock Bass.





Nanette and Rick O'Hara night fishing with Capt Chris Hargiss, Robert Fischer with a red, Capt Bryon with a Biscayne Bay bone





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Leigh West with Dayle Mazzarella in Wyoming



Ride Around, Part 2 by Robert Fischer

As part of a motorcycle trip out west last year I found myself riding through Deadwood, down the gorgeous Spearfish Valley along Rapid Creek and into Rapid City, South Dakota. I was there to ride the beautiful Black Hills with about 250 other bikers. After a few days of touring I was ready for some fishing so I dropped into the local fly shop, the Dakota Angler, to get the latest info on flies and locations. That was the key, sharing fly talk with the locals and spending a little money on a T-shirt and the “current best” flies for the area. They were standard trout flies but had a little pink tied in, plus he recommended a psychedelic worm fly in chartreuse and hot pink. (I thought he was having a little joke on the gullible out of town guy, but I played along). I had planned to fish the beautiful creek I drove by earlier up in the mountains but the local guy said there are more fish per mile in the section of the creek running through downtown. Plus there is a nicely maintained city park along the creek.

The next morning after breakfast I walked 100 yards from the hotel to the park and started using the trout flies I bought the day before. The local guy was right, the park was great, the flies worked, and I caught 8 brown and rainbow trout by lunchtime. The psychedelic worm fly worked well until it finally came apart. I couldn't believe it. Three other people fishing the stream didn't catch anything. So I felt pretty good about my success.

The moral of the story is that there is no substitute for current, local knowledge, especially when you are in an area new to you. And spending a little time and money in the local small shops can open some doors for you. Be friendly, be open minded, and don't be afraid to try something that doesn't make sense. You might just have a great day!

Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Capt Pat Damico provides this report from his Captain’s Corner: Most fish that we pursue with a fly rod are structure oriented. Bridges are some of the best locations. The Skyway holds bait all year, so it's a magnet for larger fish. Canals, creeks, developments and rivers have bridges that provide baitfish, crabs, shrimp and shade at this hot time of year. Night fishing around bridges is always productive especially when adjacent lights attract plankton, which bring hordes of baitfish close to the surface. Predator fish breaking the surface are ideal for a fly-rodder using floating lines and baitfish patterns. When fish spend most of their time in deeper water, a fly rod isn't always the tackle of choice. Fly line technology has come to the rescue and we now have many full sinking lines that are neutral density — they cast well and do not have a sag when fished deep, forming a straight line from the tip of the fly rod to the fly which is usually weighted. This makes feeling the strike easier and you can make a smooth pickup when making the next cast. Fishing close to the bottom in 20 or more feet of water is possible. When you cast, use a countdown method to determine optimal depth just as you would with conventional tackle.

Capt Rick Grasset suggests catch and release snook fishing around lighted docks and bridges and trout, blues and more on deep grass flats should be good options. Reds are schooling on flats of Sarasota Bay and there should still be some tarpon in the coastal gulf. You should also find tarpon in upper Charlotte Harbor and areas of Sarasota and Tampa Bay. Juvenile tarpon in canals and creeks or around bridges are also good options. Tarpon are fewer in the coastal gulf this time of year, but if you’ve got the patience to wait on them it can be very good. They are also moving to inside waters, where you may find them around lighted docks and bridges, on deep grass flats or in upper Charlotte Harbor and areas of Tampa Bay. Catch and release snook fishing around lighted docks and bridges close to passes with flies or DOA Lures should be a good option next week as we approach a full moon. You may also find trout, Spanish mackerel, blues and jacks 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

- Sept 12-13 Florida Sportsman Show
- Sep 19 CCA all release photo tournament
- Oct 17-24 Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip
- Oct 17 Sarasota All Release Challenge
- Oct 17 Carl Hanson Outing, [Lake Tarpon](#)
- Oct 23-24 FFF Enclave, Miami, FL
- 10-14 Nov Chattooga River, Ga trout fishing
- [Nov 22](#) [Big Gun, Picnic Island](#)
- Dec 2 Members Year-End Party
- Dec 11 Play Hooky Outing
- Dec 19 Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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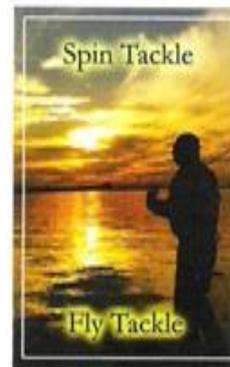
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