



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

**[www.tbffc.org](http://www.tbffc.org)**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2007, 6:00 p.m.**

**Location: Compton Park Recreation Center, Tampa Palms (See below for Directions)**

### **Special Guest Speaker**

**Rusty Chinnis**

Rusty Chinnis, a fly fishing writer and photographer, lives on Longboat Key, Florida. He is the Outdoors Editor of the Anna Maria Island Sun and writes for Saltwater Fly Fishing, American Angler, Fly Fishing in Saltwaters, and Tide magazines. He is a FFF Certified and Orvis Endorsed Group Fly Casting Instructor. Rusty was the founder and first President of the Manatee Chapter of the Florida Conservation Association, and a Co-Founder of the Sister Keys Conservancy. Rusty served as President and Chairman of the Board of The Florida Outdoor Writers Association and is a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America. He will talk about and show great photos of bonefish and tarpon.

### **Featured Fly Tyer**

**Nick Angelo**

Nick was born and raised in ft. Lauderdale. He grew up fishing everywhere in south Florida, from the everglades to the keys. His uncle and father put a fishing rod in his hands at a very young age. He started fly fishing at the age of 12, catching Peacock bass in the canals behind his house. Nick's two passions are fishing and food. He has worked as a deck hand on fishing boats in south Florida and Alaska. He also worked in the fly shop at Outdoor World in Dania Beach, while attending college. He has worked as a chef for the last 7 years, and is currently pastry chef at a resort in Tampa. The fly he will tie is "the butterfly" by Tim Borski. It is a fly designed for tailing bonefish in the keys.

### **PICK UP YOUR CLUB SHIRTS AT THE MAY MEETING.**

**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

**MAY 2007 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Spring has sprung and the fishing is nearing perfection. The water temperature is now in that magic zone of 70-80 degrees F, wherein all of the fish are biting. See our fishing report on page 8 to find out what some of your fellow casters are hooking.

Thanks to our speakers of last month, **Dr Aaron Adams** and **Kathy Guindon**, who educated us on the life cycle of the tarpon.

Thanks also to **Danny Sauvageau** for showing us how to tie his beautiful and effective "Neerly Live Bait" fly. Instructions for tying this fly are on page 7.

Don't forget to pick up your TBFFC shirts at the May meeting. If you forgot to bring \$\$\$ last month, please pay when you pick up the shirts. Club hats will also be available for purchase at the meeting.

Our May outing will be on May 5 at the lake fishing camp of Dr John Millns. Sign up at our May meeting. Attendance may be restricted, as space is limited.

Remember to visit our website at TBFFC.org. It will keep you up-to-date on all of the club activities.

Tight lines,  
Dick

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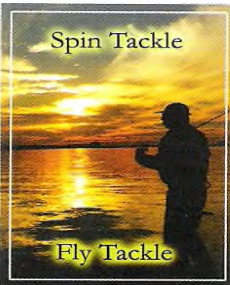
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## TBFFC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2007 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for the rest of **2007**: May 2, June 6, July 4???, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5. **Please watch this space for any changes.**

### CLUB SHIRTS AND HATS

The club shirts you ordered in April have arrived. Pick them up at the May meeting. Club hats are also available and may be purchased at the meeting.

### CLUB OUTING AT JOHN MILLN'S CAMP

**Where:**

**When:** Saturday, May 5, 2007; 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**What:** Come and try a bit of fresh water fishing on a private lake.

**What Else:** Lunch will be served.

This will be a rare opportunity to fish on private waters with very low fishing pressure and naïve fish.

### CCA OF TAMPA ANNUAL BANQUET

The Tampa Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association of Florida will host its Annual Banquet and Auction on Thursday, May 3, 2007, 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. at the A La Carte Pavilion, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa. Contact **Robert Fischer** at 813-962-0185 for details.

### PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS:

**August:** Steinhatchee fishing and scalloping overnight outing.

**October:** Annual joint outings with the Suncoast and Mangrove Coast clubs.

**November 10:** Our annual banquet with **Tim Borski** as keynote speaker

**November 11 or 18:** TBFFC annual Big Gun Shootout

### GREAT BEAR LAKE TRIP WITH LLOYD BULL AUGUST 4-11, 2007

Just one opening remaining—can include side trip for char on the Tree River. Call **Lloyd** at 727-784-8410 for details

### BILL JACKSON'S EVENTS OF INTEREST

Call (727) 576-4169 for all items listed below.

Fly casting clinics each Saturday at 10 AM

Fly Tying Clinics; 6:30 PM every Monday for beginners and every Wednesday for advanced tiers.

### *Events of Other Clubs:*

#### SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS

[www.suncoastflyfishers.com](http://www.suncoastflyfishers.com)

Regular Meetings: 6:30pm on the Third Thursday of each month, **except December**, at Wyoming Antelope Club, 3700 126 Ave. N., St. Pete.

### MANGROVE COAST FLY FISHERS

[www.mangrovecoastflyfishers.com](http://www.mangrovecoastflyfishers.com)

NOTE: New Location for MCFE 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.






## RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM THE TYING BENCH -- 31

By C.W. "Don" Coleman

**FLY ROD GRIPS** – Too little attention is paid to the cork grips on fly rods. They are designed to fit the largest hands. I guess oversized guides and undersized grips are not ascetically pleasing. I believe that if you hold a fly rod with the thumb-on-top grip, you should be able to just touch your second and third finger to the pad at the base of the thumb in order to have complete control of the fly rod. This is also where the fulcrum point of the rod with a loaded reel should be, which usually requires a heavier reel than one sized for the line weight in order to have a well balanced outfit. With a balanced rod and reel, and a grip sized for *your* hand you will not need to maintain a tight grip throughout the casting strokes. A firm grip will only be needed during the speed-up-and-stop. You will never find a professional golfer swinging clubs that are not tailored for his hand.

Rods grips come in a variety of styles. I prefer the old Fenwick or Half Wells style grip instead of the Full Wells grip usually installed on heavy fly rods. I do not like inletted reel seats which require the full wells grip that are usually installed in top-of-the-line rods. But then I like fishing tools instead of the latest commercial fad. Reversed Half Well grips, Reversed Half Well with Fine Point, and Cigar style grips do not allow full control of the rod with the thumb. I do like a rounded, 1 ½ inch long cork fighting butt, But not the removable type.

I like an up-locking reel seat, but not an expensive one. The simple, inexpensive Fuji size 16 reel seat is just all right with me. And please leave off the damn hook keeper. You can see why I prefer building my own rod. And while we are at it, just plain rod wraps using NCP thread and without trim wraps makes the most sense to me on a rod used for fishing instead of show.

Feel free to disagree with any of the above.

**DON'S SIMPLE BUCKTAIL** – Take a #1 Eagle Claw 245 SS (stainless) hook, inspect the hook, and bend down the barb. Then form a Conservation Bend. Tie on a sparse bunch of red bucktail immediately behind the hook eye using Red Fly Master Plus thread and allow it to extend beyond the bend. Tie in white bucktail to surround the bottom 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the hook shank and veil the red bucktail. Then tie in a bunch of white bucktail for a top wing surrounding the top 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the hook shank. The total length of the fly should be twice the length of the hook. Whip finish and cement, or use three, four wrap whip finishes with waxed thread. Use when very small bait is present, as a dropper, or even as a trailer behind a Johnson Sprite spoon...if you want to resort to "hardware."

**BUCKTAIL** – Look for the smaller, less expensive bucktail with short, fine hairs. Avoid the largest, "saltwater" bucktails. You will be throwing away more than half of any bucktail you buy to get rid of the courser hairs that flare too much. The bottom half of most bucktails are not really tail hairs, they are from the hide ahead and around the tail. Be sure to comb out the part you are keeping and wash in Woolite. Then rinse in clear, cold water and lay the tail out straight and let dry. Your flies will show the care you take in preparing the bucktail.

### MAXIMS:

- "If you are working at fly casting you are not doing it right." -- Lefty Kreh
- The rod tip is for casting. The butt is for fighting fish.
- There are always fish here...sometimes.
- Be careful out there. A lot of wading fly fishers drown each year

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## Member Photos



(photos by Neil Sperling)

**Entertainment or Education?** It was both! **Dan Sauvageau** showed us how to tie his deadly “Nearly Live Bait” fly, and then **Dr Aaron Adams** and **Kathy Guindon** taught us the current status of knowledge about tarpon at our April meeting.

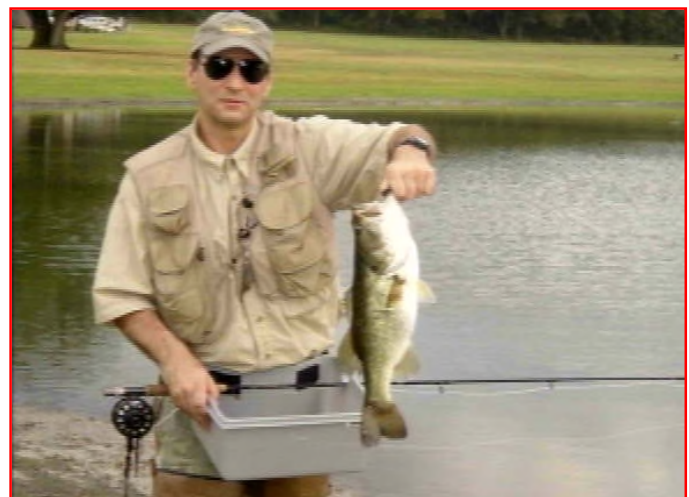


**He's at it again!**

**Jim Seegraves** hoists a 34 lb redfish caught off the coast of Louisiana in late January (left), and then displays a whopping 48 lb black drum caught during a return trip in February. Both of the fish were fooled by a large crab pattern fly.



Some “old salts” fish in waters that are salt free. Here club Member **Chris Dakin** holds a nice Largemouth bass caught in March while fishing in a pond to be named later. He was casting one of Jeff Janecek’s unique poppers when this one couldn’t keep its mouth shut.





## MEMO TO TAMPA BAY FLY FISHING CLUB

It is with regret that I inform you that my days of Fly Fishing have come to an end. Both of my shoulders are in bad condition, verified by 3 different orthopedic surgeons. Shoulder replacement is out of the question due to my age and the nature of the problems. Some surgery may be done in coming months to relieve the perpetual pain and let me live a more normal life than I have now. Pain pills keep me going.

Did it come from a few million casts in my lifetime? Perhaps that didn't help but the real problem stems back to World War II injuries.

I remember being the first paying member of the Club and attending the first meeting on upper Dale Mabry. At that time I said that the Club should have Fly Tying as a part of their meetings and I proceeded to bring my equipment to meetings for several years to teach our members basic fly tying. Fly Tying took off and did perpetuate to become a prominent part of the meetings every since.

Having a designated Tyer is fine but the members would get more out of the meetings if they were encouraged to

bring their own equipment to the meetings and practice their skills under the supervision of some of the more experienced tyers. I find that many of our members need more "hands on" instruction that they do not get by just watching someone else tie a fly. They soon forget. Just a suggestion from one who taught Fly Tying for 52 years, tied professionally for 30 years and learned the trade under George Harvey at Penn State in 1949.

I have no regrets. My life has been the envy of many people and I have done just about everything I ever wanted to do. I accept the fact that as I approach 82 years of age in June there are things I will not be able to do any more. I will now be relegated to fishing with Arlene's "Hot Pink Balloon" method. It really works and I look forward to it.

She has outfished me on the Green River for the last 3 years and never taken less than 30 fish a day. I become the student and she the teacher.

My thanks to all of you for allowing me to be a part of the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. I have many memories to treasure because of it and perhaps I have contributed a little to a few peoples lives.

## FLY OF THE MONTH

Neerly Live Bait Fly  
Originated and tied by Dan Sauvageau



The Dan's Neerly Live Bait fly is one of the most popular and productive flies I ever tied. This fly has even out-fished live whitebaits on a charter captain's boat. It can be tied in any color and colored with markers to imitate any type of baitfish. This fly has caught too many species to list. It is even great on L.M. Bass. You can get these flies or the materials to make them on Dan's Custom Flies web site. <http://www.ij.net/danscustomflies/>

### Materials List

**Hook** – Size 2 to 2/0 Eagle Claw 254ss, L067S or Gamakatsu SC15

**Thread** – Clear mono Thread

**Tail** – Krystal Flash pearl or UV Pearl

**Wing** – Neer Hair Polar bear with olive, blue, chart topping

**Flash** – Angel Hair

**Eyes** – 3D Prism Eyes

**Adhesives** - Super Glue and Goop

**Top Color** - Chartpak Waterproof marker.

### Tying instructions

Step 1 – Tie on about 12 strands of Krystal Flash doubled over at the rear of the hook just before the bend.

Step 2 – Tie on a clump of white or smoke Neer Hair over the Krystal Flash, and then double it under. Put a drop of super glue on that tie in spot.

Step 3 – Wrap the thread about 3/16 of an inch forward and repeat step 2. Tie on some Angel Hair to the sides of the fly for flash.

Step 4 – Wrap the thread about 3/16 of an inch forward again this time put the darker color like olive on the top of the hook like a high tie.

Step 5 - At the same point as step 4 tie on the white to the bottom side of the hook in a high tie style.

Step 6 – Repeat step 4 and 5 at the eye of the hook and finish off the head.

Step 7 – Trim the fly to a high profile minnow shape. Stick on the 3D Prism Eyes with goop or epoxy.

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## Casting Tips for TBFFC: 88

### Line Speed and Accuracy ©2007

While practicing accuracy fly casting recently on a calm day, I discovered a marked improvement in reliability when I imparted just sufficient line speed to cause the leader to straighten without recoiling. Casting to a target some 50 feet distant, I experimented first with maintaining the same rod position at the end of the cast. This consistent end of cast rod position ensured that the 50 feet of line and leader past the rod tip always straightened to the 50-foot mark. Assured that I had that part of the cast consistent, I was puzzled why some casts landed short and often off-target from right to left. The culprit was excessive line speed. Many of my casts had sufficient line speed to carry the fly an additional ten feet past the target. This created two problems: 1.) the line recoiled back at the end of the cast, and 2.) when casting right-handed, the leader curved slightly to the left at the end of the cast.

The solution arose from adjusting line speed such that the leader barely straightened completely at the end of the cast. Doing so minimized line recoil and the tendency for the leader to curve left at the end of the cast. The process required just a few casts to sense the balance between inadequate and excessive line speed. My hit-rate improved so dramatically, I admonished myself for not having paid closer attention sooner to the interplay between line speed and accuracy.

Dan Lagace  
Member, Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club

## Investment Tips for 2007

Be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks. Watch for these consolidations in 2007:

1. Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W.R.Grace Co. will merge and become: Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.
2. Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta Crackers will join forces and become: Poly, Warner Cracker. 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMMGood.
3. Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZipAudiDoDa.
4. FedEx is expected to join its major competitor, UPS, and become: FedUP.
5. Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: Poupon Pants.
6. Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: Knott NOW!  
And finally...
7. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: Fairwell Honeychild.

## FISHING REPORT AND FORECAST

*"What a Great time to go Fishing!"*

Club members Rich and Nanette O'Hara fished the upper Tampa Bay area last Sunday. It was a windy day but Nanette was able to spot a redfish tailing in a back water bayou. The couple agreed that Rich would get out of the boat and stock the fish. After several casts with a Jim Seagraves crab pattern the 24 inch red took the fly. The couple saw several other reds and a lot of mullet.

Fly anglers caught and released trout and ladyfish with Ultra Hair Clouser flies on a couple of trips in Sarasota Bay during the first week of April. Capt. Rick Grassett, Perry Greene, and his son, Dirk, both from MI, had a good trip with lots of trout and ladyfish caught and released with flies and CAL jigs with shad tails on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Other family members fished Capt. Kelly Stilwell and had similar action.

Capt. Wade Osborne has found success fishing for Cobia in Tampa Bay recently. The Simmons Park and Coffee Pot Bayou areas have been the most productive spots. Wade recommends a long black streamer, a 10 weight rod and an intermediate sinking line. The fish have been following the larger stingrays. If you're in the mood for a little faster action, try mackerel around the markers. These fish will take most minnow imitators fishing fast.

Spring is here. Let's all take advantage of the thunderstorm free warm weather.

Tight Lines

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### Something to think about.

Throughout the years I have encouraged members of the Club to take trips that I have found to be very interesting. Other members of the Club have done so also and the result is that people get to make some "sure thing" trips.

The Club puts on several day functions each year and they provide a good outlet for our members. I would like to suggest that the Club put together some longer trips each year and not leave it up to a few members to do it on their own.

There are several members whom I have invited to enjoy the Green River in Utah, the Bow River in Alberta, The Salmon River at Lake Ontario, the Black River and the West Canada Creek as well as the Ausable in the Adirondacks in New York and of course the Great Bear Lake trips.

Jeff Abeles and others have put together trips likewise but it would be a big Plus for the Club if it promoted a few such trips that the members could take advantage of.

While I have never taken anything from these trips there are people who think we get some consideration for getting people to go. If the Club sponsored the trip it might present a new prospective to taking trips. I myself have taken trips under such circumstances and had other people join me just because some club was offering it. In fact I have two friends who belong to a Club up north who retain membership just to make the trips planned by the Club for it's members. It is a great draw for the Club.

Lloyd Bull



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