



**Next meeting 6 June  
0600 PM to 0900 PM  
Fly Fishing Cuba**

Please join us as club members present highlights of their two trips to the exotic foreign land of Cuba. Grab your visa and board the Jet Blue flight to Camaguey where a tour bus awaits. Travel through the rural countryside for three hours passing buggies, bicycles, and antique American cars. Watch tethered horses and goats groom the roadside grass. Come aboard your yacht or check in to your four star resort close to miles of unspoiled flats as they were 100 years ago. Finally, grab your flies and put your rods together as hungry bonefish, permit, snapper and tarpon await your arrival.

### **Fly Tyer**

Layne "Smitty" Smith will tie a jointed popper for us this month. Please come and join Smitty as he returns to regular club meetings. He is truly innovative and artistic in his fly tying. Poppers are fun to fish and you will want this one in your box. Tie your own or get Smitty to supple some for you.



**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

Welcome to June and the start of our rainy season. Watch for afternoon thunderstorms and stay safe out there. Check our fishing report for tips.

**Please note our July meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> is cancelled; back in August.**

I hope you all enjoyed **Capt. Floyd Holder's** presentation on fishing the upper bay North of Courtney Campbell. Floyd is a good friend of the club, always willing to share his knowledge.

Thanks to **Jeff Janecek** for tying his famous fresh water bugs. He is a real expert with some great flies for bass and panfish.

I encourage new members to go to our Facebook page to check our club news. You may also post your fish pictures or informative comments.

Try beach snook fishing in June and July. Great exercise and lots of fun even if you don't hook-up.

// Walt Durkin



## EVENTS

- 9 June – Freshwater outing, Lake Calm, Odessa
- **4 July club meeting cancelled**
- 22 July - East Lake Woodlands seminar

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## TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

### East Lake Woodlands report:

We cancelled our fly fishing seminar due to rain and will re-schedule to possibly 22 July.

**12 Weight Outfit for Sale:** TFO Lefty Kreh TCX rod and a TFO Hayden III reel. New about \$800 and selling for \$400. Used only a couple of times and in very good condition. I will have the outfit at the next meeting.

**Project Healing Waters** met on 16 May and tied a small tarpon fly. On Saturday 19 May we had the Cross Wait Tournament where 13 of us participated with a great success as most of our members caught fish on a fly. Additionally, please note starting 12 June we will be adding the 2th and 4th Tuesday meeting at V.A. James A Haley at 17:50 to 20:00 pm. We will continue to meet at Bass Pro shop on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. Contact **Joe Perez** for questions on the great program. (joeperez598@gmail.com)




**Costa de Cocas Trip, 27 Oct to 3 Nov**  
**Capt. Frank Rhodes** is starting to collect a \$500 deposit for our annual trip to Mexico for a week's fishing for bonefish, tarpon and permit. Call Frank for details and to reserve your spot: 863-604-6505. This trip is a great value and loads of fun. I go every year and would not miss it.

**Chattooga River Outing** . We will travel to S. Carolina 11 -15 Nov for our annual trout fishing trip. We stay in log cabins at the Oconee State Park. This is a wild and scenic river with good numbers of rainbow, brown and brook trout. Please let us know if you would like attend.

### Fly Fishing Resolutions of the Month

- Stay in the moment and fish with a positive attitude.
- Be more patient and observe your surroundings.

## Tips for TBFFC

**How to Avoid a Trout Strike.** Try this if you struggle with the habit of using a trout strike instead of setting the hook with your stripping hand. After you make your cast, hold the rod with the tip down to the water and place the rod butt against your belt buckle. Begin a normal retrieve in this position until your next cast or strike. You will notice with the rod down and tucked back, the strip strike is easier to execute than lifting the rod for a trout strike. Additionally, this position re-enforces the habit of keeping the rod tip near or on the water for a straight line retrieve. This allows for you to feel a strike more quickly and to set the hook more easily. Finally, with the rod down and your line straight, you are in the perfect position for your next cast when ready. 

P.S. We welcome tips from club members on how to improve casting or fishing. Email me those items to include in our newsletter. //Walt

**Simple fish soup:** In a large skillet or sauce pan brown some onions, green peppers and mushrooms for a couple of minutes in olive oil or butter. Throw in a few chopped jalapenos for heat. Add small chunks of firm white fish (cod works well) and continue cooking until the fish is almost done. Add spices of your choice, but I use a Zatarain Cajun spice. Next, add one can of diced tomatoes and one can of navy beans. Add a little water as needed. Finally, stir in one can of cream of celery soup to thicken your soup a little. Simmer for one half hour and serve. You can substitute the vegetables for other ones you like and also throw in a potato.

## Jeff Janecek's Twin Tail Popper

### Materials

Bodies and Hooks – Wapsi Perfect Poppers, Size 6

Body Paint – Chartreuse jig head paint (available at Bass Pro) or model paint

Legs – Montana Fly Co. Centipede Legs, Speckled White, Size Medium

Ice Chenille – Chartreuse, size medium

Feather – One neck feather, dark

Adhesive – Fletch-tite cement



### **Tying Instructions:**

Paint bodies.

Glue body to hook with Fletch-tite.

Drill two 1/32<sup>nd</sup> inch holes crosswise in body in an “X” pattern for legs to be pulled through.

Tie one leg, doubled around the thread at the back of the body, with tying stopped just before the hook bend.

Keep the legs spread apart by tying thread around each leg to pull it slightly to the side.

Cut the legs to about 1 ¼ inches.

Tie in the chenille at the point where the legs “V” and tie forward to the body and tie off.

Palmer the neck feather between the chenille and the body and tie off.

Whip finish the thread at this point and cut it.

Use Fletch-tite to cement the thread.



Walt with a snook on the beach at Boca Grande and also an 8 lb jack. Ted's son Jeff Hagaman guided Ted to several permit and snook after Jeff had an open guiding day.

Club member Ken Wainwright with a big red caught on MacDill's open boating day in April. Chris Tripoli took the picture.





**Capt. Rick Grasset:** May was a tough month for tarpon in the coastal gulf with poor weather. When conditions were good, fish weren't happy (deep and fast moving). Nonetheless, Rick's clients did catch some. Rick suggests tarpon fishing should be good during June as schools of fish increase in size and numbers. Capt. Rick Grasset (941) 923-7799





Our new **traveling club flags** are on the move! Four club members in Cayo Coco, Cuba in May, Lower right on the Avalon II in Cuba. **Lou and Walt** at Casuarina Point, Abaco, Bahamas in April 2018.



## Fishing Report and Forecast

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

**Capt. Pat Damico** suggests this time of year is perfect for early risers who love to fly fish. Pods of snook are within a few feet of the sand in the trough along most beaches. Though the season is closed, catch-and-release opportunities have never been better. A large female with a group of smaller males will do their courting in these locations, especially if there is good current flow. Locations with structure close to passes are the best. A good pair of Polaroid glasses is a necessity. Stay on the bank and out of the water. The rising sun behind you will reveal fish. You will see baitfish. Duplicate their size with white flies. Crimp all hooks, making easy penetration possible with a quick release as the fish is still in the water. Hold your cast until the fish is facing you. Then cast to the side of the fish. The fly, with a 30-pound shock tippet, is then retrieved, duplicating an escaping baitfish. It should trigger a violent strike. An eight-weight, fast-action 9-foot rod is perfect and will allow you to quickly pick up a long cast if misplaced or refused. Make a second cast immediately. Change fly patterns after several refusals of good presentations. If there is strong wave action, a clear, sinking tip line might work better than a floating one for better line management. Fly fisherman Pat Damico charts in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at [captpatdamico.com](http://captpatdamico.com) or (727) 504-8649.

**Capt Rick Grassett** reports tarpon should be plentiful in the coastal gulf this month as big schools of fish migrate along our beaches. Also look for cobia, tripletail and false albacore (little tunny) in the coastal gulf. Catch and release snook fishing should also be good in and around passes and in the surf. Fishing for trout and reds should also be good on shallow grass flats.

**Kayak guide, Neil Taylor,** reports the fishing is on fire. We have had above average days all week. Pompano have returned but should get even stronger as May wears on. Top-water for large trout is easy. We have caught 30 big trout per trip. A gurgler is a strong choice. General action is outstanding and you can get on jacks, ladyfish, mackerel for fast action on fly. Choose areas near Gulf passes and follow diving birds.

**Walt and Ted** were in Boca Grande for a week in May and enjoyed beach snook fishing. Now is the time to hit our local beaches as the snook are gathering to spawn. Ft Desoto is a good beach and also Honeymoon Island. To sight fish, go out about 8 am and walk the beach slowly about 10-15 feet from the water. The snook will be in the wash close to shore trapping bait. Cast small white minnow imitations in front of cruising fish on a 25 lb fluorocarbon bite tippet. Be careful to not let the fish see you or they will spook. Release them carefully as the season is closed.

## 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 20 Shad Outing St John's River
- Feb 9-10 FFI Enclave
- Mar 18 Annual Banquet – Hunters Green
- Apr 12 CCA Banquet
- May 20 East Lake Woodlands cancelled
- 9 June Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- 22 July East Lake Woodlands fly fishing seminar
- Oct Florida Sportsman Show
- Oct 27 – Nov 3 Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip
- Oct 18 Carl Hanson Outing, Hillsborough River
- Early Nov Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov 18 Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Dec 5 Members Year End Party
- Dec 7 Play Hooky at the Hatchery
- Dec 21 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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