



Next meeting 4 October

0600 PM to 0900 PM

Fly Fishing Roundtable/Seminar

Please join Steve Parker, Leigh West, and Ted Hagaman for a talk on the basics of fly fishing to include gear, flies and secret tactics. Learn how three of our best prepare for and spend a day on the water. Steve and Leigh will focus on saltwater and Ted will focus on freshwater trout fishing. They will bring their gear for display and discuss how and why they use the various items. Please bring your curiosity and questions for an informative presentation.

Tyer: Ted Hagaman

Post, Irma, Ted has been hard at work tying flies for Mexico and the Chattooga trout trip. He will demonstrate Pat's Rubber Legs, a stone fly imitation he has had good luck with. This fly is fairly easy to tie, fishes well and should be in your box.



Directions to Our Meetings (6:00pm): 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.

October President's message

Welcome to October and our cooler fall weather. Check out our fishing report for the latest spots and techniques. Watch for and fish low winter tides in the morning.

Thanks to **Dr. Mike Perez** for his great talk on first aid on the water. Mike had lots of good tips and stories to help keep us alert and safe.

Thanks to **Steve Parker** for tying his Carnival Clouser. He gave great tips on how to tie this effective fly.

Mark your calendars for **the FFI Expo at Plantation**, Crystal River, 9-10 February.

We still need volunteers to sit at our table for the Florida Sportsman Expo 7-8 Oct.

// Walt Durkin 

EVENTS

- Oct 7-8: Florida Sportsman Expo
- Oct 21-28: Mexico
- Nov 5: Big Gun at Picnic Island
- Dec 8: Play hooky at the hatchery

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Florida Sportsman Expo: We will share a table and the casting pond with the **Suncoast Fly Fishing Club** again this year. Show dates are Oct 7 and 8 at the Tampa Fair Grounds. We are seeking volunteers to work a few hours on both days to sit at our table, answer questions and demonstrate fly casting. We will have a sign up sheet at our September meeting so mark your calendars. You can also get in free with us to enjoy the show as a bonus. See their website for details:
<http://www.floridasportsman.com/2015/02/01/fall-shows/>.

Avalon I Yacht trip to Cuba – 27 Jan to 3 Feb. We have an opening for this trip at the great price of \$3500 plus airfare. Look at their website for details:
<https://cubanfishingcenters.com/index.php>.
Let me know by email if you are interested.
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FFI Florida Council Expo Update. The Fly Fisherman International (FFI) is exclusively dedicated to fly fishing. The FFI and the Florida Council work to promote our sport through conservation and education. Our club is an affiliate member of the Florida Council and I encourage you to consider joining the FFI. Please check out their web site at <http://www.ffi-florida.org/>. Senior membership is \$25 a year. Meanwhile, the date for the next **Expo is 9-10 February 18** at Plantation in Crystal River. That is a Friday/Saturday and the Expo will have exhibits, classes and numerous vendors. It makes a nice day trip or spend the night and attend the banquet. Plantation is a beautiful 50-year-old, 232 acre eco-friendly resort offering comfortable accommodations, a full service spa, and is surrounded by the natural springs of Kings Bay. Special room price for FFI attendees. We will have more info at the next meeting.



2017 MCFF "Fall Fly Fishing Challenge"

Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers (MCFF) will hold their 13th annual Fall Fly Fishing Challenge on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017. There will be an angler meeting the evening before on Friday, Oct. 20th at 6:30 PM at The Meadows Community Association Building, 2004 Longmeadow in Sarasota.

The catch, photo and release fly-fishing-only event will consist of an Open Division for guides and guided anglers (all anglers are eligible to compete in the Open Division) and a Fly Angler Division (no guides).


In the Open Division, eligible species are snook, redfish and spotted seatrout. Those in the Fly Angler Division will fish for a variety of species, including snook, redfish, bluefish, spotted seatrout, ladyfish, flounder, snapper, jack crevalle, pompano and permit based on a points-per-inch system.

Payouts were increased and more awards added last year. There is now also a Grand Champion runner up award in the Open Division and a 5th place award in the Angler Division. Winners of each division will receive an Orvis fly rod or reel.

In addition, there will be a bucket raffle and an upscale silent auction featuring fishing trips, fly rods, reels, flies, fly boxes, marine accessories and other exciting prizes. Entry fee is \$50 and includes an awards luncheon, which is open to the public, on Saturday following angler check-in at The Meadows Community Association building. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the conservation efforts of Coastal Conservation Association (CCA).

Applications will be available online at www.fallflyfishingchallenge.com or at area fishing tackle and fly shops. For more information, call John Weimer at (941) 338-7883.

Tips for TBFFC

Capt. Pat Damico. How can you see a fly that small? While fishing for Cutthroat trout with some friends in Montana recently, I was asked this question. Success during most of that particular day depended on very selective fish in low, clear, slow moving water. My largest dry fly was a size 18, nymphs and emergers down to size 24. An accurate drag free long cast was needed to sighted fish or rises. My answer was, "When I can't see the fly, I watch the fish." I could see where my cast placed the fly, usually a few feet above the fish. As it drifted in his vicinity, if I saw the fish rise or move and feed I set the hook. The fish are always our best teachers. Pat Damico, MCI 

Random Thoughts from the Tying Bench By C.W. "Don" Coleman

- All-white flies work very well. White best reflects the colors of a baitfish's surroundings, just like the scales on a baitfish. When held out of water in white light, baitfish do not look the same as they do underwater where their color is constantly changing from reflected light.

P.S. Ted Hagaman tied some all white minnow patterns for baby tarpon down in Charlot Harbor and they worked like a charm. And, white has always been a good snook fly. //Walt

Capt. Steve Parker's Carnival Clouser

Materials

Hook - Tiemco 800s #4

Body Wrapping - Cajun line 30lb

Flash - Polarflash Mirage Opal, gold

Flashabou and chartreuse Krystal flash

Body - White and chartreuse premium
(select) craft fur

Lateral line – black flash

Gill - Ultra chenille, fine red

Eye - 5/32 oz. eyes by Spirit River

Thread - Flat waxed nylon



Tying Sequence:

Tie Cajun line around hook from $\frac{1}{4}$ inch behind the eye to the beginning of the bend, using a nail knot.

Wrap on eyes between red line and hook eye.

Tie polar flash bundle on top of hook, both in front and behind eye.

Tie bundle of white craft fur over flash.

Turn fly over and tie a small bundle of gold Flashabou in front of the eyes, doubling it and making it about twice the length of the hook.

Tie in a few strands of black crystal flash for a lateral line.

Tie a small bundle of chartreuse craft fur over the Flashabou.

Tie small bundle of Krystal flash over that.

Walt, Lou, Wes and Kelly in Yakutat, Alaska, catching silvers and halibut. Subject of a future presentation.





Andy Constantinou's friend with a nice redfish caught near Weedon Island

Robert Fischer joined Pat Damico for some Pocono Mountain dry fly fishing recently. He is a very versatile fly fisher!



Capt Rick Grasset guided his client's to little tunny action in Sarasota in September.
P.S. Your fly should match the hatch in size and color. Birds are feeding on the minnow shown.



Scallop Chowder

Ingredients

2 slices bacon, chopped
12 ounces bay scallops
1 onion, chopped
1 cup diced peeled potato
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped celery
1 cup fish stock or 1 cup chicken stock
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon white pepper
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dried marjoram
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk
12 ounces corn, drained

In large stockpot, cook bacon until crisp; remove from pan, drain on paper towels, crumble, and set aside.

In drippings, place scallops and cook for 3-4 minutes until opaque (8-9 minutes for sea scallops). Remove scallops from pot and set aside.

In drippings in pot, add onion, potatoes and celery and cook for 3-4 minutes. Add fish stock and bring to a boil; reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 8-10 minutes until potatoes are tender.

In medium bowl, combine flour, marjoram, pepper, and milk and mix with wire whisk until blended. Add to pot along with drained corn and bring to a simmer.

Cook over medium heat for 12 minutes, stirring often, until soup has thickened and vegetables are tender. Add cooked scallops and simmer for 3-4 minutes until scallops are thoroughly heated.

Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Capt. Pat Damico provides this report from his Captain’s Corner: Most of us are still recovering from Hurricane Irma. This phenomena has set many records, most of which we would rather forget. Thankfully, the end result for many of us was less devastating than anticipated. One of the most unusual events was the blowing out of water in Tampa Bay that left exposed shorelines and flats devoid of water. Some manatees were stranded. How many fish were left high and dry? Probably, none. Fish have an uncanny ability to know when to head to deeper water sanctuaries to wait out drastic changes. Our shallow-water fishery incurred some drastic topographic changes from the high winds and water action. While shallow-water fish that we usually pursue are adjusting to the changes, we will have to do the same. Initial trips should be slow and cautious. There will be floating and submerged obstacles. Pick a sunny day with little wind and visit your favorite flats to look for bait and fish. Wading birds that feed on worms, crabs, shrimp and baitfish already have this figured out. They can be a great indicator of where you want to fish. Irregularities in flats will harbor fish necessitating good Polaroid glasses and a hat with a dark brim to improve visibility. Pat’s number is (727) 504-8649.

Capt. Rick Grasset reports The area including Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, Charlotte Harbor and the coastal Gulf of Mexico will turn on this month. Schools of reds begin to break up and scatter on shallow flats. There should also be good action with snook and big trout in shallow water. Snook will gorge themselves at night around lighted docks in the ICW. There will also be good action in the coastal gulf with Spanish mackerel, false albacore (little tunny), tripletail and cobia. You might also still find tarpon anywhere from upper Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay to along the beaches.

Snook will move away from passes as water temperature cools and days get shorter. They will stage around docks and bridges in the ICW and along sand bars, potholes and along mangrove shorelines. They may blow up on fly poppers in shallow water early or late in the day. Small white flies or Gurglers should work well around lighted docks and bridge fenders. I like larger flies, like Lefty’s Deceiver and EP flies, for snook on the flats due to the larger bait usually found there. Fish peak tidal flows for the best action.

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports excellent fishing for late summer is about to get really good. This has been the best year I have ever seen for pompano, something that continues to be very strong. Trout action, solid. Redfish action, decent and about to get much easier. I like how the fishing has been but I am looking forward to what is dead ahead.

Walt Durkin fished the MacDill flat on a .6 low tide and found a few reds, black drum and sheepshead. Condition of the flat looked good with some grass dying and more pot holes and sand. I hope the flat will fish well this winter.

Our new traveling club flags are on the move! **Bruce and Patty Anderson** took one to Colorado and **Walt and Frank** took one to the Amazon. Lower right with our trout gear in **Oconee St Park, S. Carolina**.



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 13-15 Jan Shad Outing St John's River
- 23 Feb – 3 Mar Brazil Peacock Bass trip
- 25 Mar – 1 Apr Two Boys Inn, Andros Island, Bahamas
- 1 Apr Suncoast Fly Club banquet
- 8 Apr Cypress Park outing
- 13 April CCA Banquet
- 7 May Club Banquet, Hunter's Green
- 17 June Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- 7-8 Oct Florida Sportsman Expo
- 9-10 Feb 2018 FFF Enclave
- 21 – 28 Oct Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip
- 21 Oct Carl Hanson Outing, Hillsborough River
- 5 Nov Big Gun, Picnic Island
- 6 Dec Members Year End Party
- 8 Dec Play Hooky at the Hatchery
- 16 Dec 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.

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