



**Next meeting 8 January
0600 PM to 0900 PM
Photography Tips
Capt. Bryon Chamberlin**

Bryon is a long time club member and one of our premier fly fishing guides. He is a native Floridian and a graduate of the University of South Florida. Bryon is also an experienced photographer and will share tips on how to take great outdoor and fish pictures. Please email him at captbryon@yahoo.com or call (813) 361-8801 for a memorable fishing trip.

**Fly Tyer
Bill Murdock**

Bill Murdock will be our guest tier of the month. Bill is a professional fly tier with many well-known patterns. Come and watch a real artist at work.



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 a new year and decade. We are grateful for your friendship and support and wish you a prosperous and healthy new year with great fly fishing.

Reflecting on 2019, club members supported **Project Healing Waters**, donated \$500.00 to the **Bonefish and Tarpon Trust** and supported several fly casting events. Of special note was "**Girls Fish Too**", which introduced our sport to over 30 women. Our December fly casting event with our sister club, the Suncoast Fly Fishers, hosted 45 participants and supported the **Fly Fishing International**. We welcome your ideas on how to better sustain fly fishing and the necessary clean water environment.

We also hosted outings including the shad trip to the St Johns, bass fishing on Lake Calm, the Carl Hanson event, the FFW hatchery, the Big Gun and trout fishing the Chatoogga. Our Big Gun casting competition was the best ever with over 50 participants vying for six trophies and bragging rights.

Club members also traveled extensively to: the Bahamas, Belize, Columbia, Mexico, Grand Cayman, Boca Grande, the Keys, British Columbia, Mexico, Argentina, Colorado and Alaska. We proudly displayed and photographed our club flag on these adventures.

If you would like to share in these activities please join us for another great year. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at **Compton Park**. As a reminder, we will start collecting our club dues in January.

//Walt Durkin 

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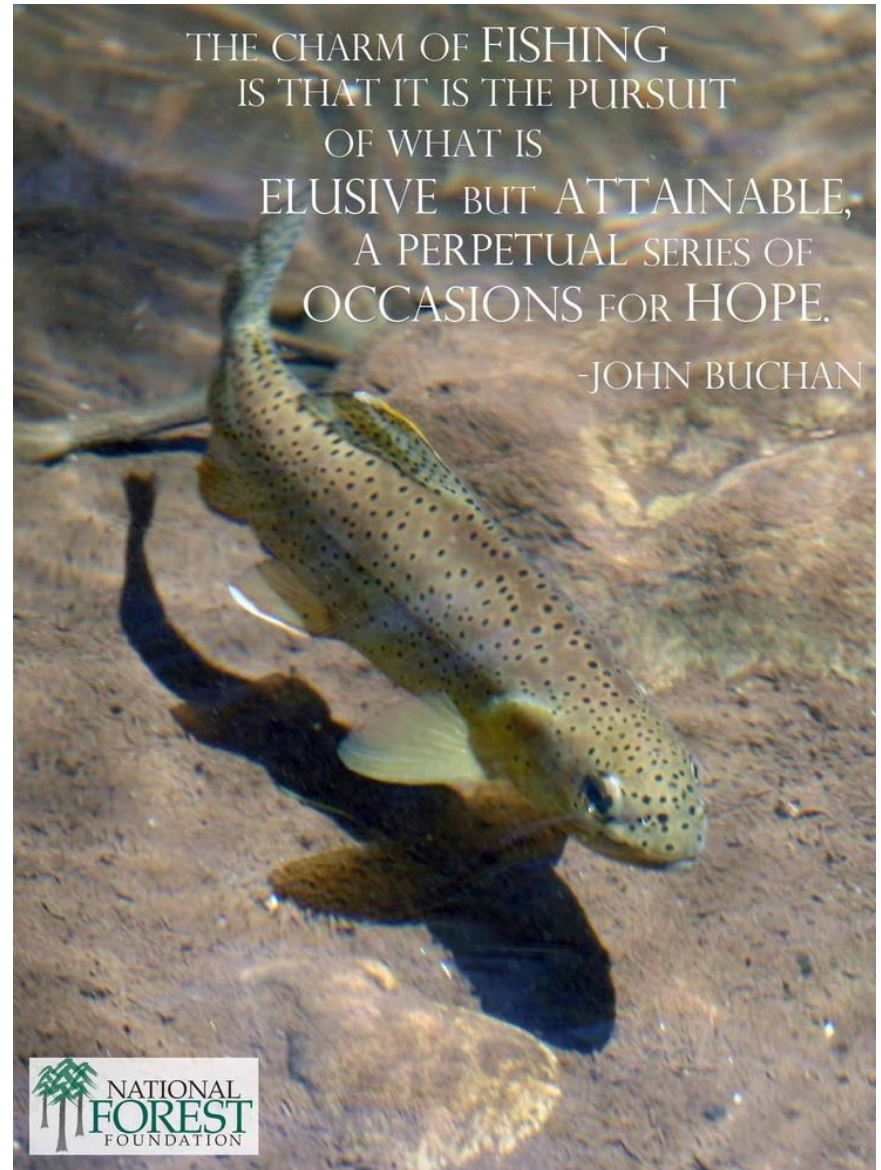
TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Play Hooky at the Hatchery 13 Dec: Seven club members enjoyed our outing this year. We caught a nice day for a change with mild wind and temperatures. Our host **Gina Russo** gave us a short tour of the facility and an update on their move. This may be their last year at the site at Port Manatee. We caught 18 snook and reds with **Ted Hagaman** leading the charge with 13 fish. Ted fished a small, white minnow pattern tied with lamb's wool. We saw tarpon rolling, but no takers. **Patty and Bruce Anderson** provide a Cuban sandwich lunch to finish the day. I hope you can join us next December for what may be our last chance to fish that location. Thanks to Gina for her hospitality.

Shad Outing on the St Johns: **Scott Green** let us know he will no longer host the outing on his property. We will explore other camp sites in the area and see if we have interest in an alternate site for this fun trip. If so, we will likely schedule it for February. More to come on this.

Fly Fishers International Expo: **Tom Gadacz** was reelected president of the Florida Council of Fly Fishers International. Board sets date for Expo at Plantation on Crystal River: Nov. 6-7, 2020.

Red Fly Tournament #14: 18 Jan 0530 AM, Salty Shamrock, see Facebook for details.



December Fly Casting Clinic

TBFFC hosted the clinic with the Suncoast Fly Fishers. Thanks to Capt. **Pat Damico and Dayle Mazzarella** for organizing and leading the event. They hosted over 45 participants and despite mixed weather had a successful event. Participants learned and practiced many fly casting skills. Everyone was either a member of the Fly Fishing International or joined. This helped build membership in our international organization. Thanks to all who took part and helped with this event. Look for more clinics in 2020.





**Hatchery Outing
13 December**
Patty casting
from the bank,
Harold watching
Deb cast, Ted
with a nice red,
Patty with a fly-
caught mullet,
Ted's white
minnow fly.





Mike Peres has been fishing the negative low tides at MacDill AFB with Chris Tripoli and his daughter. This was one of the larger trout he caught in the Creek mouth. The trout was over 22 inches and caught it on a Chartreuse/ grizzly Seducer (pictured). They also caught numerous lady fish, jacks and snook.



Pictures on the right are **Robert Fischer** fishing with **Capt. Bryon** up in the Chassahowitz. Robert caught 7 redfish, 3 trout and got broken off by a fair sized snook. Fishing should be good up there for the next several months.



Two Boys Inn, Andros Island, Bahamas

Left is **Jim Adams** on our trip last fall to the Bahamas. **Robert Fischer** will schedule another trip back in the fall, so watch your newsletter for the date. Two Boys Inn is inexpensive and a great location for big bonefish.





Club member Bryce caught these two nice fish on a crab pattern while sight fishing on what looks like the Cypress flat. Cypress will fish very well this winter on the low tides. Check it our for super sight fishing in clear water. //Walt



Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports: Things have gone along according to schedule for this time of year. With cooler water we have opportunities that didn't exist a month ago. Trout, which are closed, are easy to find and catch and some very big trout are being hooked. A fly client caught a 25 inch trout on a Neil Taylor fly with lots of gold and a weighted head. He caught two dozen fish on a short trip and about ten of those fish were large trout. The table is set for more of the same for the next five months.

Contact Neil at Livelybaits@aol.com Phone: 727-692-6345

When clients make initial contact, especially this time of year, they want to know how the fishing will be the day or days of their future charter. I can give them general information about what species are available and where we will be fishing. The unknown is the weather. There have been recent consecutive days when the wind especially has been brutal. Combine this with fluctuating water temperatures, heavy rain and muddy water and you have less than ideal fishing conditions, especially with a fly rod. With new clients, the other unknown is their fly casting ability, which is frequently exaggerated. If most of their previous experience has been fishing tiny flies in a small freshwater creek in a protected wooded valley where 15 foot casts with a 4 weight rod are considered long, a prescription for disappointment is beginning to form. We have a lot of open water, but also have many protected areas where cooperative trout, ladyfish, jacks, small snook, mackerel and other less choosy fish are in good numbers. Canals, creeks, narrow channels, even protected by buildings and mangrove protected shorelines are all good options. Wind direction must constantly be monitored while fishing to have the best chance for success

Pat Damico charters Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com and (727) 504-8649.

Capt. Rick Grasset reports:

January can be one of the toughest months of the year to fish. However if you are able to choose when to fish based on tides and weather, it can be good. Action is usually good as weather fronts approach. Following fronts, fishing may be tough for a couple of days so afternoons may fish better then. I'll let the stage of the tide determine where to look for fish. When the tide is low, look for reds tailing on shallow grass or reds, trout and more in potholes or around docks. Look for reds or big trout cruising on shallow grass flats on sunny afternoons when the tide is high. Our natural resources are under constant pressure from red tides fueled by agricultural and residential runoff, freezes, increasing fishing pressure and habitat loss and degradation, please limit your kill, don't kill your limit!

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



Patty and Bruce Anderson
In Belize City, Belize
behaving themselves



Mexico 2019 hog
snapper dinner



Ted and Walt beach snook
fishing Little Gasparilla
Island May 2019



Walt and Capt. Frank
in the jungles of Columbia
March 2019



Two Boys Inn, Andros, Sep 19



2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 18 Red Fly Tournament
- Mar Casting Clinic
- Mar 29 Annual Banquet
- Apr 23 CCA Banquet
- June Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Sep Two Boys inn, Andros Island
- Oct Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct 17-24 Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip
- Oct Carl Hanson Outing, Hillsborough River
- Nov 8-12 Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov 6-7 FFI Expo
- Nov Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Nov Florida Sportsman Show
- Dec 3 Members Year End Party
- Dec 11 Play Hooky at the Hatchery
- 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.

- Monthly Meetings with informative speakers
- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
- Group Clinics and Workshops
- Fly Tying Lessons
- One-On-One Fly Casting Lessons
- Shirts and Hats with club logo
- 80-page Beginner's Basic Skills Instruction Manual
- Annual Banquet

Fly Fishing Guides

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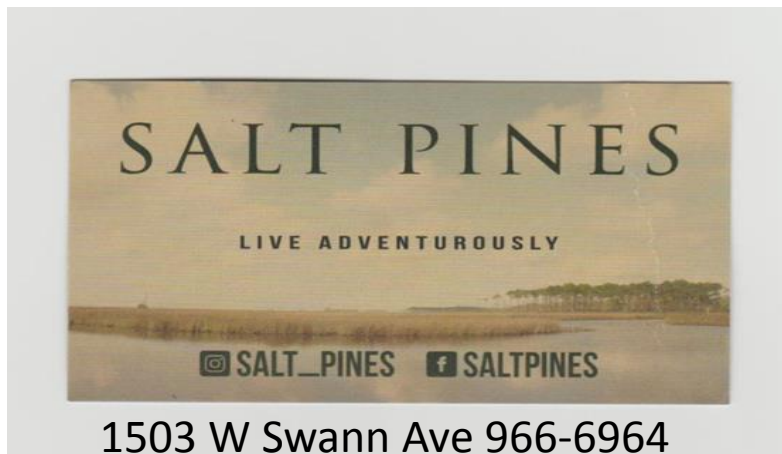
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Please Check: One Year _____ Five Year _____

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