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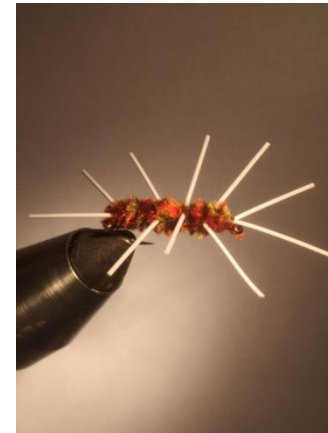
Guest Speakers: Patty Anderson and Denise Bruner

DIY Trout Fishing Out West

Please join us as Patty and Denise share details of their latest fishing expedition from their base in Ft Collins, CO. They will be giving a talk and photo journey on the Colorado Fall Fishing Adventure last October, including fishing Gold Medal waters of the Colorado River, Frying Pan River near Basalt, Blue River in Silverthorne and the Poudre River near Ft Collins, CO. We will give you the ins and outs of how to plan and find new areas to explore including examples of the gear we packed.

Fly Tyer: Ken Moser

Please come and watch Ken tie two of his favorite trout flies. Ken is an excellent tyer who also donates flies to club members. Additionally, he ties salt water flies he has used to catch spooky redfish this year. Look for him on the Cypress flat on low tides.



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 February and my favorite winter fishing. Check our fishing report for tips to find more fish on the flats.

I hope you enjoyed Jeff Harrell's talk on beer and fly fishing. He was entertaining and informative. Bonefish on Grand Cayman got my attention and we are planning a trip this summer.

Club members fished the RedFly tournament on 19 January and did not score a red. However, on the following Monday three members caught 27 redfish on-the-fly, so our timing was a little off.

We have tentatively scheduled our annual banquet for 24 March (3-8pm) and are trying Compton Park as a new venue. We hope to reduce costs and earn a little more money for the club while having a good time.

Please pay 2019 dues if not caught up.
Please note my new home phone number is 813-513-2122.

// Walt Durkin 

EVENTS

- RedFly Tournament 19 Jan, Apollo Beach
- Shad outing on the St John's river 1-3 Feb
- Girls Fish Too, 9 Feb, Picnic Island, **sold out**
- Fly Fishing Film Tour, Sarasota, 9 Feb
- Drunken Feather, Bar Fly, Safety Harbor, 13 Feb
- East Lake Woodlands seminar 24 Feb 19.
- **Annual banquet 24 March, Compton Park**

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Shad Outing St Johns River – 1-3 Feb

Please join us for this annual outing where we camp out for the weekend on the St Johns river and fish for shad. This is great fun and we will have details at the next meeting.

Costa de Cocas Trip, 19-26 Oct. Capt. Frank Rhodes is collecting deposits for this trip; \$2500 this year. Call Frank at 863-604-6505 or see him at a meeting.

FLY FISHING RESOLUTIONS OF THE MONTH

- Learn new skills
- Be an ambassador of our sport
- Seek conservation projects
- Get out and fly fish more!

Girls Fish Too!

A Fly Fishing Clinic for Women 9 February at Picnic Island

The "Girls Fish Too" women's fly fishing workshop is now **sold out**, with 30 women of all ages signed up to learn about fly fishing! Thanks in advance to the club members who are serving as instructors or who are donating items. A special thank you to club member Tex Faulkner for supplying the fly rods the women will use (he makes beautiful rods!), as well as Tampa Fishing Outfitters, On The Fly, SheFishes2 and Not A Clue Adventures for their contributions to the workshop.

We are still looking for donations of flies and other fly fishing items for the goody bags and raffle. If you can help, please email Nanette at oharacomm@gmail.com, call Nanette at (813) 428-3182 or just bring your donations to the Feb. 6 club meeting.

Keep your fingers crossed for good weather with light winds on our workshop day!



Fly Fishing Film Tour - Sarasota

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Feb 09, 2019 at 6:30 PM (EST)

Sarasota, Florida

[The Compound](#) is proud to bring you the 2019 premier of the Fly Fishing Film Tour in Sarasota.

The event will benefit Mission Mexico, a kids refuge in southern Mexico. Doors open at 6pm and the show starts at 6:30pm.

We have a great raffle with some amazing prizes. The event is FREE but encourage a donation. 100% of all donations will go directly to the kids refuge.

For more information please contact Jacob Shields at jacobshields@hotmail.com or 941/544-7121.

[Contact Event Organizer](#)

Project Healing Waters Information

- PHWFF Tampa will be meeting the February 12, 2019 at J A. Haley 3 to 5 pm. 2fl. Bldg 38
- 20 February at Bass Pro Shop 6 to 8 pm. And then again at J. A. Haley on 26 February from 3 to 5 pm.

Tips for TBFFC

Essence of Fly Casting II - Part One

Here is a delightful video on the secret to fly casting; and, fly fishing for that matter. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Czgw-s95d4> to look for yourself. Many years ago, we were privileged to have Mel Fisher come all the way from California to talk to our club. We are fortunate to be able to remember him with his great videos. One of the great fly fishing personalities. //Walt

Red Fly Tournament – 19 January

Results of Saturday's RedFly Tournament. Despite the wind, a new record of 62.25" inches was set by the winning team of Mani Pailer and Brent Wilson. Congrats to all, including our club members who participated.

RedFly 13 was a record setting tournament! We had 66 anglers participate...a record! The winning team measured in 62.25"a record! We raised \$1665 for [Captains for Clean Water](#) off of raffle ticket sales....a record! Our grand total raised came in at \$4165. 100% is going to [Captains for Clean Water](#). Mani Pailer and Brent Wilson split \$990 for first place. John Brett and Shawn Kersting split \$495 for second place. Ethan Kiburz and Brandon Chircop split \$165 for third. HUGE THANKS to everyone who came out and to all of our sponsors. See you next January for RedFly 14!!
Captain John Bull.



Club member Rick Redd wins BBT trip. Way to go Rick!



(PC: Blue Horizon Fly Fishing)

2018 BTT Trip of a Lifetime Winner Announced

Bonefish & Tarpon Trust congratulates BTT member Richard "Rick" Redd of Tampa, Florida, the winner of the 2018 BTT Trip of a Lifetime to southern Belize! Rick and his chosen guest will enjoy five nights of accommodation at [Thatch Caye Resort](#) and 4 days of fly-fishing with the famous permit master Lincoln Westby and his team of guides at [Blue Horizon Belize: Fly Fishing](#).

January 12th from noon to 5pm. The Ritz-Carlton Outfitters Top Gun Distance Fly Cast Competition January 12, 2019 4pm

Mark Benson, Director of Fly Fishing at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club Orlando, Grande Lakes and a Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor, hosted the inaugural fishing event which included many sponsors such as G.Loomis, Shimano, Rapala, DOA Lures, Simms, Rio Lines, Ross Reels, Orlando Outfitters, Tackle Webs as well as great organizations like Fly Fishers International and Casting for Recovery. The event was open to guests of the hotel as well as the public. It was a great day with a sunny sky and a light breeze and a temperature of 77 degrees and a well-groomed lawn next to the golf club house. Could not have been a better day!

Guests had the opportunity to see the latest equipment and cast several rods. Mark had a motorized red fish that roamed the grounds and is used as a prop to teach fly casters how to cast to a fish without spooking it. The Ritz-Carlton Outfitters Top Gun Fly Casting Competition had some of the best long-distance casters in the state and included Keith Brown, Dave Choinard, Ed Judd, Al Keller, Dayle Mazzarella, David Olson, Cas Summers, Leigh West. The challenge was a distance cast with an 11 weight rod. David Olson had the winning cast at 112 feet 11 inches.

The Florida Council of Fly Fishers International welcomed guests and provided information about our organization, its educational benefits and conservation activities. The participants included Tom Logan, Chair of the FFI Board of Directors, Tom Gadacz, President of the Florida Council, Rick Warfel, Secretary of the Florida Council, Ron Bloomquist, Membership Chair of the Florida Council, Karen Warfel, Treasurer of Suncoast Fly Fishers, and Buck Higman, Big Bend Fly Fishers of Tallahassee. **Tom Gadacz, President, Florida Council of Fly Fishers International**

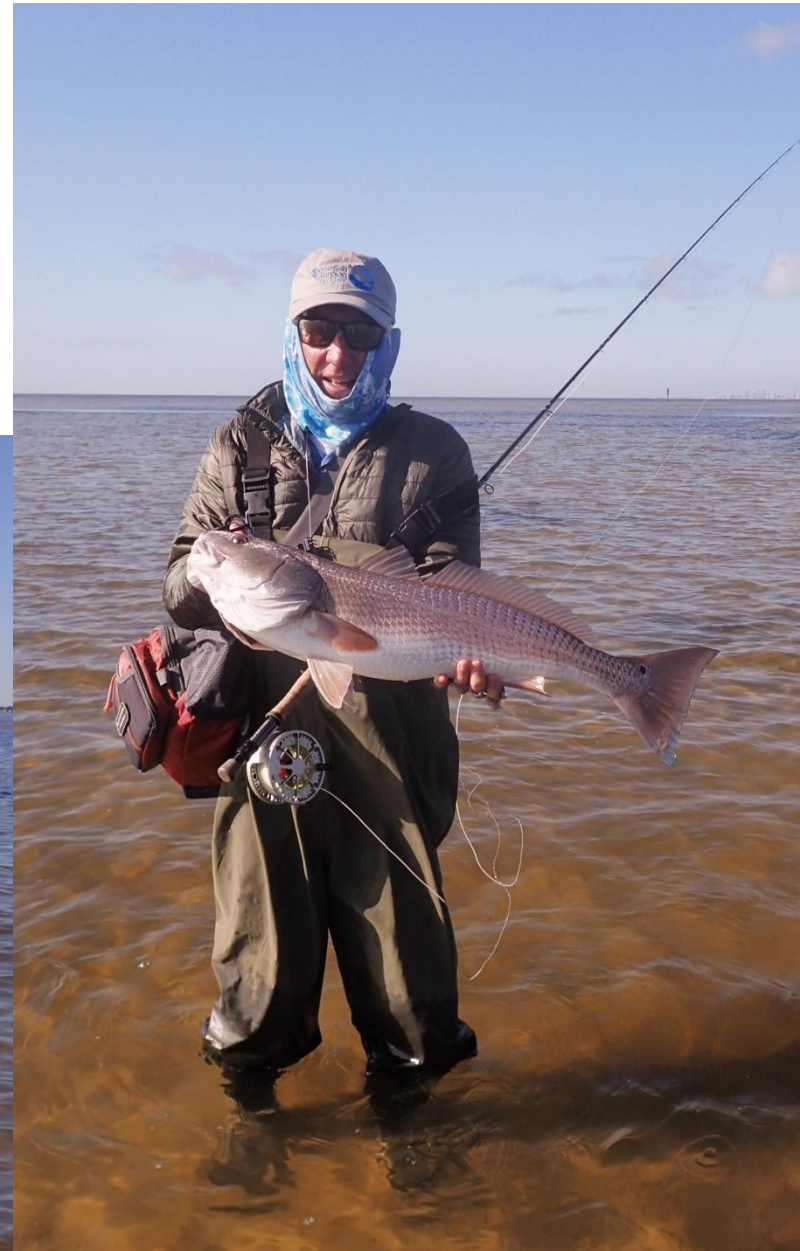


White pelicans on the MacDill flat mid-January low tide

p.s. When you find one of their big feathers, stick it in your hat. It never hurts to have a white pelican disguise to fool those picky reds.



Club members Rich Gorden and Walt Durkin with reds on the MacDill Flat. We fished low tides on a N/NE wind and found a few reds. Still spooky and hard to get to eat.



Chris Tripoli and Mike Perez on MacDill. Chris caught 13 reds including the pictured 27 inch red and I caught 7 reds including a 26 inch red. I also caught a 20 inch trout. We caught all our fish on Leigh West's green & gold fly tied Clouser style. Chris used a size 6 hook sparsely tied version and I used a fuller tied version on a # 4 hook. I believe they were looking for the smaller forage. I will have some flies next time including your pattern. I had several fish follow your pattern (Rat Fly) when I was fishing the grass flats around the PVC pipes, they spooked before I could hook up. We were fishing the creek channel which was loaded with large mullet and small bait fish. The reds and the large trout were mixed in with the mullet. **Mike Perez**





Ken Moser with a red on Cypress, Walt with a Cypress red, Rich Gorden with a gator trout from Ozello.

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.



Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Capt. Pat Damico sends this from his Captain’s Corner **Escape the wind!** Fly fisherman need flexibility this time of year with frequent cold fronts and windy conditions being the norm. Usually, I mentally plan my charter the night before but several recent trips were changed at the last minute because of wind intensity and direction. Some of the worse days had us go to one of the many rivers that empty into the gulf or bay. After driving over some of our bridges and seeing whitecaps it was a pleasure to launch where we were greeted with calm conditions. When you travel up a river it becomes narrower and is protected by trees and often high banks affording both you and the fish warmth and protection as well as a chance to observe undisturbed wildlife. Snook, jacks, reds, ladyfish and small tarpon will be caught next to bass and panfish because of lower salinity from fresh water influence. It is best to rig several rods, one with a floating line, another with a clear sinking tip and a third with full sinking line. This way you can easily handle fish that are in the shallows as well as those that prefer deeper water. When sight fishing is not possible, target structure such as docks, points, feeder creeks, stumps, partially submerged trees and bridges with small flies, size 6-1, that imitate the baitfish you observe. Develop a pattern after catching a few fish and concentrate on the conditions that rewarded you with your success. Fly Fisherman Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com or (727) 504-8649.

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports fishing has slowed in January due to windy conditions. However, warmer weather and longer days will help as Spring approaches. When we have gotten out we have had very good results with big trout. We had one day where every trout was over 20 inches. The second great thing was the schools of bluefish. They are 5 to 7 pounds and are good fighters. I put them in the smoker for an hour longer than other fish and make them into fish spread. We caught about 15 bluefish in an hour one day.

Club member Ted Hagaman reports: Epic day on Macdill flats. Everything came together on 21st of Jan. Extreme negative tide on a cold 40 degree morning. Strong north wind to push the water even lower and hold it out. Clear cloudless sky. Clear water and lots of fish, at least in the area I was fishing. Found fish as soon as I got in the right depth of water. Caught 8 reds on Chris Tripoli's redfish pattern(see Mar 2018 newsletter) One 30" and another 28" the rest were all 24-25".

Capt. Rick Grasset reports: Capt. Rick Grasset's Fishing Report for 1/26/2019

Fly anglers fishing with me, out of CB's Saltwater Outfitters on Siesta Key, had fast action catching and releasing snook and hefty blues on flies in the ICW at night recently. Spin fishing anglers also had some action with reds and trout on DOA Lures in Gasparilla Sound.

Jerry Poslusny, from Palmetto and Rich Hunter, from Longboat Key, fished the ICW at night for snook on a trip with me recently. They had their personal best trip catching and releasing snook and bluefish to 5-lbs on my Grasset Snook Minnow fly! Martin Marlowe, from NY and Tim Hearon, from Siesta Key, also got in on the action. They also caught and released numerous snook and nice blues on the same fly on another trip. Great action and the blues are a welcome addition, since they fight as hard as or harder than snook of the same size!

Fishing dock lights in the evening is usually a good option for catch and release snook fishing this time of year, although it is dependent on tide and conditions. Fishing shallow flats is both challenging and rewarding. It usually requires fishing hard to find and catch fish. You may not catch big numbers of fish but you may catch some good ones. 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!



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 19 Red Fly Tournament
- Feb 1-3 Shad Outing St John's River
- Feb 9 Girls Fish Too!
- Feb 24 East Lake Woodlands fly fishing seminar
- Mar 24 Annual Banquet
- Apr CCA Banquet
- June Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct Florida Sportsman Show
- Oct Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct 19-26 Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip
- Oct 26 Carl Hanson Outing, Hillsborough River
- Nov Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Dec Members Year End Party
- Dec Play Hooky at the Hatchery
- Dec Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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