



Next meeting 3 April

0600 PM to 0900 PM

Guest Speaker: Capt. Shawn McCole
“Tarpon Fishing”



I am a 2nd generation, native Floridian and found my passion for fishing at the age of two. After attending Florida State University, I began my dedication to learning the art of fly fishing and what it takes to succeed at the highest level of our beloved sport. After serving in Afghanistan with the Army from 2012-2013, I decided to follow my life's passion and began guiding full-time. Anyone who knows me will attest to the fact that I am consumed with tarpon fishing. It is magical just to be in their presence, and the energy that comes with "The Bite" will leave you awestruck. During the winter months, I turn my focus towards stalking redfish and snook in shallow, clear water. I truly believe the ultimate reason we spend time on the water is to learn something, whether it is about ourselves, each other, or the pristine environments our adventures lead us to experience. As a Conservation Captain with the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust and CCA Florida, I will spend time showing and teaching you a new appreciation for the sea life and gin clear waters we will encounter as we search for fish and create memories.

Fly Tyer

We don't have a primary tyer signed up for the meeting, so please bring your vise and materials if you would like to share a fly pattern.

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 April and spring-like conditions. Check our fishing report for tips to find more fish on the flats. Snook are showing up in good numbers as the water warms and tarpon will soon show up along our beaches.

I hope you Ben's talk on baby tarpon and their environment. They are a fascinating fish and we still have a lot to learn. Thanks to Ben and his colleagues for the work they do. And, thanks to Ted Hagaman for tying his "Usual" fly – a sure winner for redfish and bone fish.

Looks like we will have a good turnout at our banquet this Sunday. I hope to see you all there. We have lots of cool stuff for our silent auction with some great deal for you.

We welcome a new corporate sponsor: Salt Pines at 1503 W Swan Ave. in South Tampa. Check out their store and website for cool outdoor clothing and accessories. www.saltpines.com 813-966-6964
Andrew Smith, President

// Walt Durkin 

EVENTS

- Girls Fish Too, 9 Feb, Picnic Island, **sold out**
- **Annual banquet 31 March, Compton Park**
- Casting clinic: 2 March
- Lake Calm Outing - June

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

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.

Crosthwait Memorial Fishing Tournament
Celebrating our 36th year, we are proud to be the largest amateur fishing competition on the West Coast of Florida. Originating in 1983, the tournament serves a tribute to Colonel Sam Crosthwait, in recognition of his passion for his high moralistic ideals and love for the distinct camaraderie that surrounds the unique sport of angling. The event will take place May 17th-19th 2019, at the Bradenton Yacht Club. Each year in May, hundreds of anglers and thousands of community spectators attend this cherished community event, which is run by a volunteer committee of more than 40 people and supports **Project Healing Waters**.



CCA TAMPA CHAPTER BANQUET & AUCTION



April 11, 2019

**T. Pepin Hospitality Centre
6:00 pm Silent Auction & Raffle
7:30 Dinner & Live Auction**

**For More Information Contact:
Zack Batley (813) 943-8993**



Coastal Conservation Association Florida is a grassroots organization that is committed to conserving and protecting Florida's marine resources.

Annual Club Banquet 31 March – Compton Park



We will host our banquet this year our meeting place at **Compton Park** on Sunday, 31 March, at 3 pm. Tickets are \$25 for one and \$40 for two. Please sign up and pay at a meeting or RSVP to me (walt.durkin@aol.com) and pay at the door. Our theme is Cuban food and we will have appetizers at 3pm and a buffet at 04:30pm. Look forward to our silent auction with a good selection of over 100 items you may not need but can't resist. We will have drawings for some free stuff. This is a club fund raiser so please Join us for good food, fun and friends. We will have water, tea and soda and you may bring your own beer, wine or other drink.

Materials

Hook – Tiemco 800S, size 8

Thread – Gotcha, Shrimp Pink or Rust

Weight – Bead chain, Small

Mouth – Bunny fur, Natural or Pink

Wing – Craft fur, Sand or Tan

Eyes – Burnt Mono

Legs – Sililegs, Pumpkin

Body – Craft fur, Dubbed “underfur”

Weed Guard – 20lb Mono (Mason)



Tie a thread base to the bend of the hook and bring the thread back almost to the eye.

Tie the small bead chain eyes on the bottom of the hook.

Move the thread back to the bend and tie a short bunch of zonker hair (extending about 1/2 inch past the bend) on top of the hook.

Tie a bunch of the other zonker color on top of the original hair and extend it slightly past the original bunch.

Tie a small bunch of craft fur extending about two inches past the hook bend on top of the zonker. Save the underfur for dubbing the body.

Bring the thread back to about the hook point and tie the eyes on either side of the hook.

Where you stopped tying the eyes on, make a dubbing loop and tie a small hump of craft fur underfur.

Double one of the sililegs and tie in directly in front of the hump on top of the hook, extending back slightly past the end of the craft fur.

Dub in another hump just in front of the first one and tie in a second silileg on top of the hook; cut it so it is about 1/2 inch shorter than the first legs.

Continue the dubbing almost to the hook eye (in front of the bead chain eye).

Tie in a mono weed guard and whip finish.

New club members Nannet Read and Peggy Chance caught their first fish on fly during a recent pond outing organized by Nanette O'Hara. Seven women who attended the Women's Fly Fishing Workshop in February attended the outing and they all hooked fish! Rick O'Hara and Leigh West joined Nanette in working with the participants on their fly casting skills. Keep practicing, ladies!

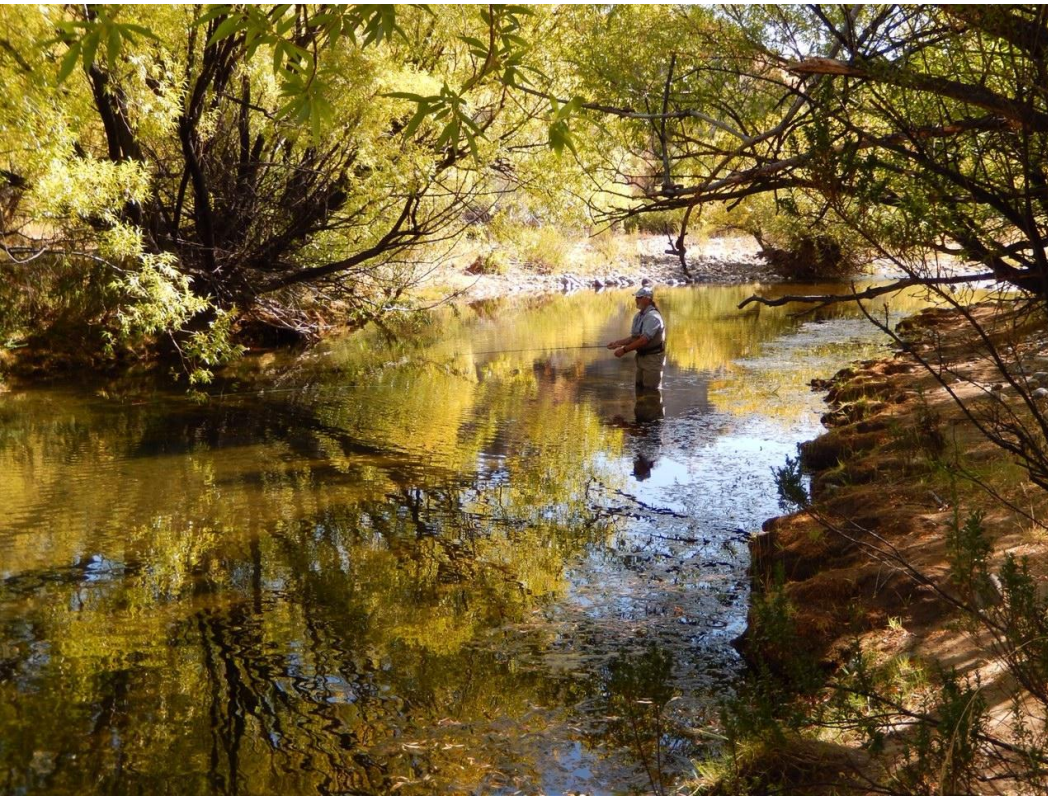




Andy and Gerald fishing with Capt. Brandon Henley in the Keys. Gerald is 80-some years young and still out there! Andy with a bone fish and Gerald with a snapper.



Club members Wes and Kelly Sobczak fishing in Patagonia. Kelly's fish was caught after 3 hours of trying just about every fly in her fly box. Weather is beautiful and fishing is great.
Kelly



Project Healing Waters held and outing at the Legion flat where Mike Perez caught this sheepshead. Mike was using a Leigh West's weighted green & gold bend-back pattern. Dawn Hart hooked a large speckled trout on the same pattern, but it threw the hook with its head shakes. Both Ken Zadoyko and Mike saw the trout and it was a good one. Mike



Tucanare Lodge in Columbia pictures. Capt. Frank, myself and Buddy Stokes traveled to Columbia in March to fish for giant peacock bass. The fishing was good and I caught just over 100 for the week. The fish ran up to 16 pounds, but most were 2-5 pounds. We dragged our boat up some skinny creeks and fished some nice lagoons. Frank and our guide with a good peacock. These are strong, wild fish.



Two pretty good peacocks, Frank and Walt with the club flag, and greeting from the village kids.



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!”

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports the schedule has been good. The fishing: Some days good, some days below average. Sadly, ladyfish have picked up the slack. Pompano have not arrived yet. Six trips to pompano waters: One pompano. That will all change in 3 to 4 weeks. It is almost time for that again. A decent weather pattern, we will enjoy moderate temperatures for another month and a half. The action should get better. But, I believe tighter restrictions are needed. More people fishing, more pressure on the resources. More fish alive is best. Fish for dinner is nice but do we want better fishing or do we want fish to eat and fewer fish to catch? It is a discussion I have opened with the new governor. They have taken my input seriously. I am not alone with my concerns. April should be an excellent month. Email: Livelybaits@aol.com Phone: 727-692-6345

Capt. Rick Grasset: This is a great month for snook on shallow flats. Reds and trout will also be more active as the water warms and baitfish become more plentiful. You might find Spanish mackerel, blues and pompano in passes or on deep grass flats. You should also find Spanish mackerel along with false albacore (little tunny), cobia and tripletail, in the coastal gulf this month. Tarpon should also make an appearance in bay or back country areas or along beaches by later in the month. Tarpon will become more plentiful as resident fish make their way out of rivers and creeks and early arriving migratory fish begin to show along beaches, particularly by the end of the month. Water temperature in the gulf is a key factor with 80 degrees being an optimum temperature. As the water warms towards that, fish will become more plentiful. Resident fish may be rolling on deep grass flats in some of the same places that you find trout, laid up on edges of shallow grass flats or along sand bars. Fly anglers might connect with a black Deceiver or Tarpon bunny fly fished on a 12-weight fly rod with a floating or clear sink tip fly line depending on depth. I always have tarpon tackle, rigged and ready, on the boat this time of year.



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 2 Casting Clinic
- Mar 31 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

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
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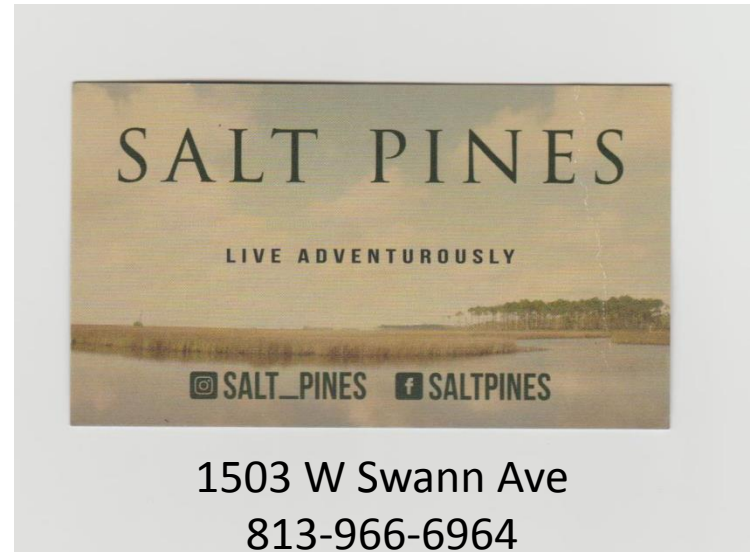
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