



Walt Durkin will present a slide show on how to wade fish three great spots in central Tampa: the Cypress Park flat, the Legion flat and Picnic Island. Please join us for tips on when and how to fish these areas.



The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club will meet again Wednesday, 2 June.

We will meet from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM at Compton Park. Please do not come early. Wear a mask and we will also take temperatures. Carefully read and answer the CDC questions on the next page. Let's get together safely and have a great meeting!

P.S. Robert Fischer reports: This morning, on a high tide at the American Legion flats we caught a slot sized redfish and many trout. The trout were on the deeper edge of the flat (3-4') and liked purple and black and also silver and white. Most were 14 to 15" but some were 18"

CDC Notice Regarding Meeting Places

In order to protect the health of TBFFC members, all attendees must self-screen for symptoms or other risk factors of COVID-19 before attending monthly meetings.

Your answer must be “no” to the following questions before attending:

- Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea?
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- Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?
- Have you traveled in the past 10 days?

If you answer “yes” to any of the above questions, please do not come to the meeting.

Directions to Our Meetings (6:00 pm): 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

I hope you all are getting by okay and staying out of harm's way. Lots of good fishing opportunities out there, which will get you safely out of the house for a few hours. Please check our newsletter for tips!

Club member **Bruce Anderson** is re-working our club website with a new format and modern design. We will keep you apprised of his progress and hope to launch this summer. Thanks to **Dick Meikka** for his hard work in keeping the current site up and running for many years.

Our May meeting with 21 members went just fine. Everyone cooperated and we held a safe meeting. It was good to see folks again and to welcome new members. I look forward to seeing many of you in June.

We may be able to relax the COVID rules for June. We will decide at the time of the meeting.

Our June outing is at Lake Calm. I hope you can join us. We will provide lunch and drinks. Sign up at the meeting or RSVP to me.

//Walt Durkin 

Quotes for the Month:

"Never leave fish to find fish."
~Moses 1200BC

"The man who coined the phrase: Money can't buy happiness, never bought himself a good fly rod!"
~Reg Baird

"Take care of the fish, and the fishing will take care of itself." ~Art Neumann

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Club Outing 19 June at Lake Calm. Please join the club for this easy and fun outing on Lake Calm in Odessa. The club will provide lunch and drinks. Bring your canoe or kayak to fly fish this crystal clear lake for bass and pan fish. We will open the gates at 06:00 AM and fish till about 11:30 AM and finish with lunch. Take the Veterans north to the Van Dyke road exit, turn left and go to Gunn Hwy. Turn right and watch for Bonnie Cove Lane on your left after about one mile. Turn left on Bonnie Cove and go straight to the property and thru the gate.



FFI Expo Coming in the Fall

The Florida Council of FFI is having a Fly Fishing Expo on October 1 and 2 (Friday and Saturday) at the Mission Inn <https://missioninnresort.com>. We are inviting all interested fly fishers whether a pro or beginner. General programs on fly casting, fly tying, and other related topics are being arranged. Small group sessions for fly casting and fly tying will also be available for an additional fee. A reception is planned for Friday night and a banquet with a featured speaker and live auction for Saturday night.

We are starting a publicity campaign and need your help in spreading the word, also volunteering to help with various activities, and soliciting donations for the raffle and auctions. We welcome your ideas for making the Expo a big success!

David Olson, Vice-president, is chairing the Expo. David (david@whitestackle.com) and I (thomsgadacz@yahoo.com) welcome any suggestions or questions.

Tom Gadacz
President, FFI Florida Council



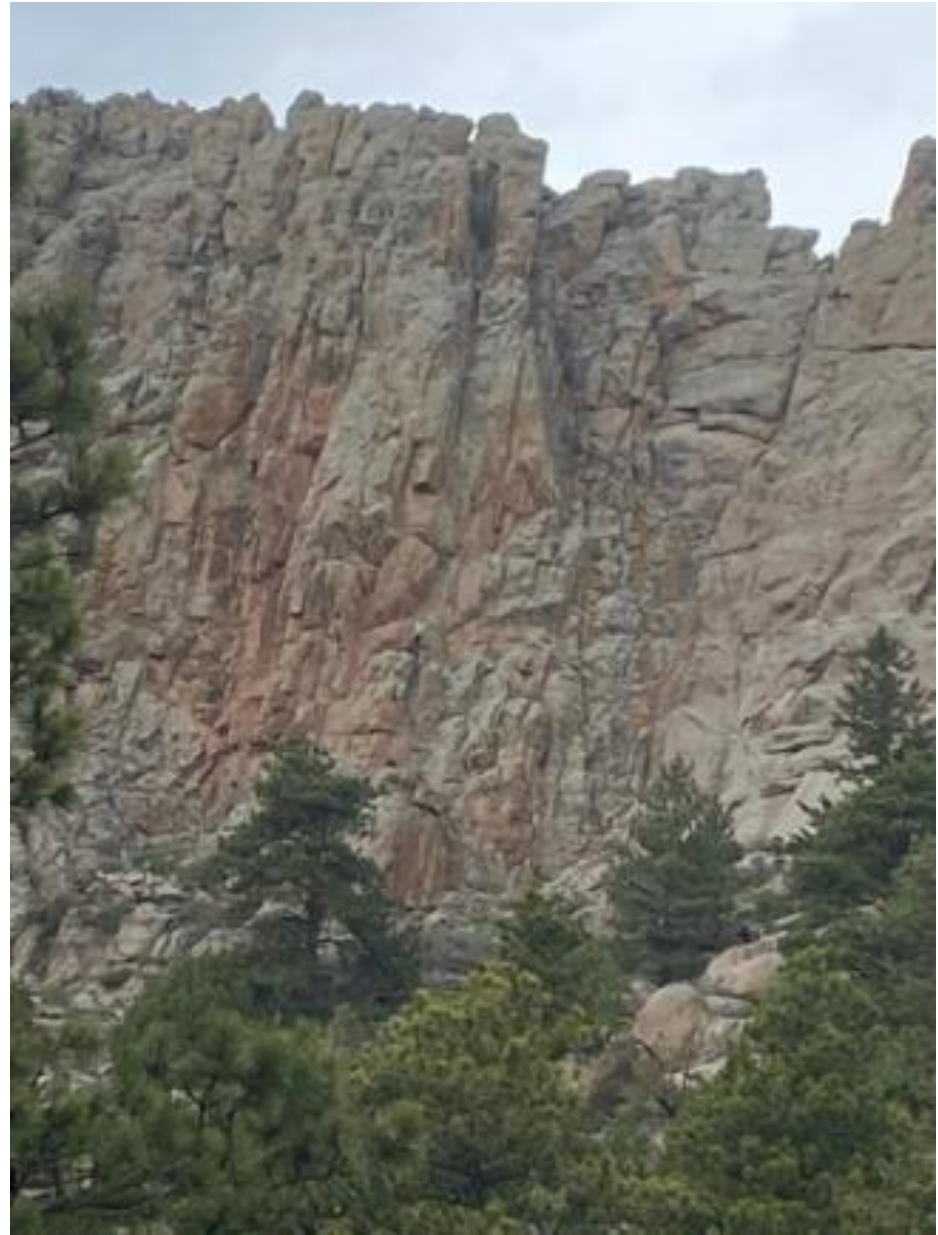
FFI Conservation Action: Here is an update from Tom Logan on FFI actions to support clean water:

Good morning, FFI Board Conservation Committee Members and Leadership. Please see the attached letter, wherein FFI and 73 of our Conservation Partners and other organizations provide recommendations to the USACOE regarding implementation guidance for the Water Resources Development Act of 2020. The recommendations generally are to place high priority on natural and nature-based solutions to water resource issues and resilience to climate change. FFI has endorsed similar recommendations in earlier correspondence with our partners. This letter expands and reaffirms broad support of the conservation and outdoor recreation community for science-based management of our lands, waters and the species that depend upon these landscapes as habitat.

Please note that this action will be posted on the new FFI Conservation Action Webpage. Do share this information with your respective Councils and Board Committees to keep our membership and fly fishing community aware of what FFI is doing to preserve fly fishing opportunities and the Legacy of Fly Fishing.

Sincerely, Tom H. Logan
Chairman – FFI Board Conservation Committee
FFI Board Chairman Emeritus
Senior Advisor – Conservation

Ted and I spent a week fishing from Ft Collins, CO for trout. Mountain lakes still had ice, but the fish were happy. See if you can spot the rock climber in the picture below.





Closer view of the rock climber. Pretty interesting and my climbing days are behind me. I have trouble with river rocks on the ground.



A few more Colorado pictures:
top left is Ted fishing the Big
Thompson in Rocky Mountain
National Park, a good rainbow
from the Poudre River and a
mountain cactus in bloom.
Colorado has many pristine
outdoor areas.



Suncoast Fly Fishers met up at Cypress Point Park May 22 for May outing. Fishing was slow but, otherwise, a good time was had by all. Here's a picture of the waders, left to right, Wayne Shriver, Bob Hood, Bob Burkard, Rick Warfel, Claude Neidlinger, John Kosloski, Mandy McGarry, Casey Jarrell, and Truk Trukenbrod. Bill AuCoin, Suncoast Club





Club member Rich Gorden sent this in:
When you have a bunch of 💰 worth of fly
tying stuff, and it's your wife's birthday, you
make stuff.



Kelly and Wes Sobzcak on the road: "Fishing Vero Beach and Flagler Beach - bonnet head shark, snook, and redfish." Kelly caught the red.



Club member Ken Moser with two reds caught at the Legion flat; 27 and 30 inches. Good job Ken.





Club member Floyd Holder caught this tarpon in the Hillsborough River.

Club member Jim Adams with two pictures from our Bahamas trip to Two Boy's Inn



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Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports: The cool months are over along with the great fishing associated with them. That's just the deal. We live here, we deal with it. It will be good part of the time, but the heat and the sunlight will diminish opportunities. Sorry, but that's the deal. Best to go by 5:45am and quit by 10am. June to October: It's going to be tougher. On the fly, strip slower when the bite isn't best. That will help create some results. When the baitfish is small, the flies will work great. Flies with a lot of gold in them have done the best on my trips. There's other colors but the gold part seems to be important. Even though it's summer get out and have some fun. It's fun even when the fishing isn't great. Contact Neil at Livelybaits@aol.com Phone: 727-692-6345.

Captain Pat Damico reports: Fly fishing for early season tarpon on the beach has begun. Get out at daybreak with an easterly wind and calm water to take advantage of great tarpon action. Get at these fish now because they haven't been beaten up yet by hordes of fishermen and are in the pre-spawn mode making them more likely to grab a well-presented fly. Position your boat close to shore with the sun at your back. Good polarized glasses will allow you to see their flash as they lazily roll on the surface occasionally showing inside of swim markers. Use 11 weight fly rods with a floating or sink tip line. Have your fly at the fish's depth. A 40-60 wt fluorocarbon shock tippet tied to a size 1 to 1/0 Keys type or toad pattern in darker colors has been most successful. Minimize boat movement using only a push pole in shallow water. The ideal cast is having the fish come straight to you, then place the offering in her path. Figure out a pattern where most fish are moving and have them come to you. If you haven't been using heavier rods, practice before getting on the water. Use your body to make casting easier and then use your body to fight the fish, not your arms. If anchored, a floating marker buoy with a quick disconnect will allow you to chase hooked fish and then return to your spot. *Fly fisherman Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com and 727-504-8649.*

Capt Rick Grasset reports: You should find snook in the surf, in passes and around docks and bridges in the ICW near passes. You can walk the beach and sight fish them in the surf with fly tackle. Small baitfish fly patterns, like my Grasset Snook Minnow, should work well. Many of the same flies that work in the surf will also work well at night. Snook will congregate in passes around the new and full moons to spawn, so docks and bridges close to passes will usually hold more fish this time of year.

Fishing for reds should also be good in June. Look for them over shallow grass, along mangrove shorelines or around oyster bars when the tide is high. You'll find them in potholes or edges of flats when the tide is low. Fly anglers should score with baitfish fly patterns like my Grasset Flats Minnow or Gurglers.

You may find trout, Spanish mackerel, bluefish or pompano on deep grass flats this month. I like to drift and cast ahead of my drift with Ultra Hair Clouser flies tied on long shank hooks on an intermediate sink tip fly line. You'll need to add a few inches of heavy (40 or 50-pound) fluorocarbon when toothy fish are in the mix. Look for deep grass flats with a mix of grass and sand and a good tidal flow for the best action.

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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



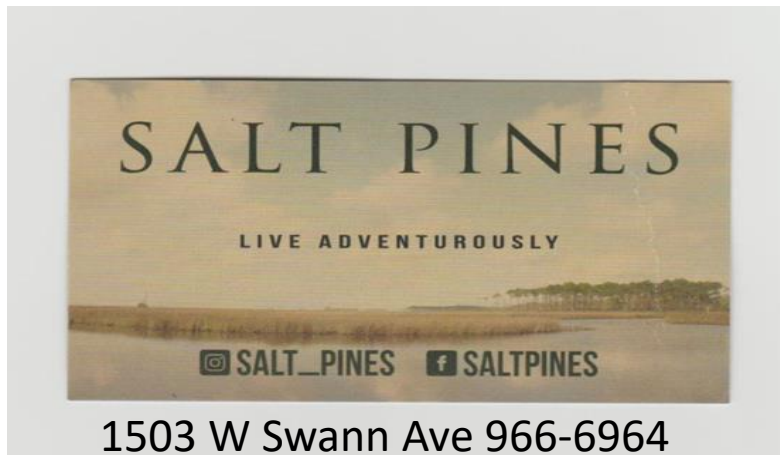
2020/21 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 18 Red Fly Tournament
- Feb Shad Outing, Mullet Lake campground
- Mar Casting Clinic
- Mar 29 Annual Banquet - Cancelled
- Apr 7 Club meeting at Compton Park
- Apr 10 Cypress Park Outing 8 AM
- May12 Club Meeting at Compton Park
- June 19 Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- May 2021 Two Boys inn, Andros Island
- Oct (virtual) Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip (postponed)
- Oct Carl Hanson Outing
- Nov Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov 6-7 FFI Expo
- Nov Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Cancelled Florida Sportsman Show
- Dec Play Hooky at the Suncoast Youth Center
- Dec Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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