



We will meet again at Compton Park on 5 August if all goes well. Stay vigilant until we beat this virus.

We spent the first week of June on Little Gasparilla Island where we collected shells, sharks teeth and fished the beach for snook. Out for an evening walk pictured on the left.

Lake Calm outing: 27 June

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

I hope you all are getting by okay and staying out of harm's way. We will resume club activities in August at Compton Park. We have a couple of other potential venues in North Tampa we continue to explore. More to come, but we are set for August and September at Compton Park.

Please support our local club guides sooner rather than later. The front of a flats boat is safe and loads of fun.

We had a fun-filled banquet planned, which we will reschedule. We will refund any advance payments as needed.

Let's have our next outing at Lake Calm in Odessa on 27 June. We will open the gate at 0600 AM and fish until 1100. The club will provide a light lunch and drinks. We can spread out there, so come by and say hello even if you don't fish.
Please RSVP to me via email.

Google "Bonnie Cove Lane" for directions to Lake Calm or give me a call. We will be thru the gate at the end of the lane starting at 6 AM.



//Walt Durkin

Project Healing Waters News

PHW has cancelled overnight or national trips until 31 December. Based on that, **Joe Perez** re-scheduled his June trip to next year: 19-21 June 2021. Special thanks to Joe for leading our club's support to PHWs.

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Kayak guide Neil Taylor:

If you have guys that are tying a lot, we could use some more people in the fly swap. On Facebook, it's Warm Water Fly Swap and Project Healing Waters. You submit 15 flies and get 15 flies in return. It is kind of dragging right now so I'm asking around to see who else wants to get in. //Neil

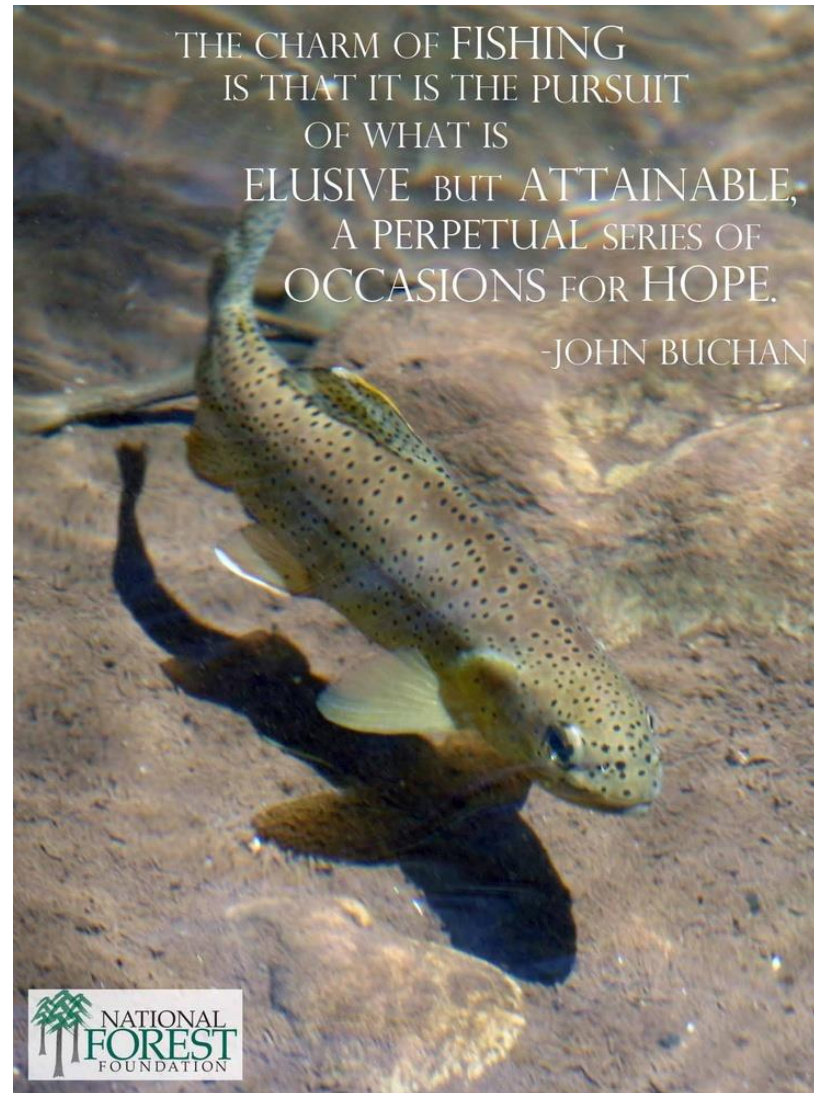
Robert Fischer has a few openings at the Two Boys Inn, 10-17 Oct 2020. This is a great trip for \$2600 and includes six day's guided fishing for big bonefish. Also, good food and lodging.

Capt Frank Rhodes also has openings for Mexico 17-24 Oct. Contact me to reserve your spot with at deal at \$2500. We go there every year and have a great time. Costa de Cocas lodge.

Beach Tarpon. While relaxing on the beach at Ft Desoto we saw three different boats hook four tarpon in a couple of hours. Also saw snook and sheepshead in the water.

TBFFC Moving from Compton Park

We got a reprieve at Compton Park for the time being thanks to Dr. Greg Stepanski. Plan on meeting there for August and September while we work on a permanent meeting place. //Walt



Fly of the Month

Sparkle Minnow

I saw this material in the shop and thought I would give it a try: SF Flash Blend and EP Sparkle Brush. These materials make a simple, bright, minnow pattern. I have not caught anything on it as yet, but it looks good and will produce I am sure.

Using your hook and thread of choice, tie a three inch clump of flash blend in about half way down the hook, one each, on the top and the bottom. Use enough to get a good body, but not too much for a slim profile. Next, tie in the EP brush (3 inch) at the half way point and carefully wind it around the hook towards the eye while pulling the fibers all to the back. This will produce a neat head. Brush fly out a little and trim to shape. Finally, add your eyes of choice with glue. I finish the head with UV resin to secure the eyes and thread. Add a mono weed guard as necessary and show the fly to any fish seeking a minnow. //Walt



Simple Tips on Casting

Joan Wulff has some very good videos on YouTube for you to watch and learn. One basic tip, which helped me, was to raise the rod slowly to begin the cast. Then, only when the fly starts to leave the water give a sharp tug, bending the rod, and sending the line back behind you. This simple tip will remind you to start slowly and to give your backcast some zip. Watch her many videos for other useful info.

Second, always avoid slack in your fly line while casting or retrieving. This means keeping the fly rod tip down on the water or within inches while fishing. Only then, can you make an efficient backcast as described above. Plus, you are ready to feel and set the hook.

Third, if you want to cast a little longer with no effort, simply aim your forward cast higher. In other words, cast to a point above the water at eye level or higher and let the line fall to where you want it. This simple technique will encourage you to stop the rod sooner and use the energy in the rod itself for a long, smooth cast.

Finally, try to learn to get the feel of casting with the tip of the rod. Feel it bend, load and unload. You can get the hang of this with a fairly short stroke with a good stop at two o'clock and at ten o'clock. As Mel Krieger told us many years ago, simply bend the rod and stop the rod for a good cast. //Walt



Little Gasparilla Island,
Boca Grande, FL

Hunkered down for the
first week of June with
Ted and Kathy. Shells,
Sharks' teeth and
snook on the beach.

Leigh West: One of several snook sight-fished in Charlotte Harbor in early June, poling backcountry in friend's Gheenoe.



Capt. Pat Damico fished the Beaverkill under low, clear conditions in June. Way to go Pat!





Capt. Bryon Chamberlin caught his first tarpon out of his Sabine Skiff. Thanks to Capt. Colby Hane for grabbing the fish.



Capt. Keaton Anderson has been on baby as well as big tarpon and cobia. Good job Keaton!
Meet Keaton at Tampa Fishing Outfitters or at a club meeting.





Club member Bryce enjoying trout and wild mushrooms in N. Georgia and comes home to a big snook on the beach. Wow and way to go Bryce.

Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports: I went through the virus thing better than 99% of the other guides. I lost all the out of state business, people canceling their trips. But I made up for it with locals who wanted to go. It has been steady and right now, very interesting out there. Just beautiful conditions a lot of the time. We are seeing turtles, manatees and dolphin daily. As of this week, huge tarpon are all over the place. It is amazing and the action has remained good. It is summer so you need a good tide. When the tides are bad, so is the action. Trout and mackerel are easy, and we did a successful snapper trip. Trout remain the best action species. Pompano are beginning to show signs of moving into where I have caught them for years. My pompano fly is very successful for all kinds of species. Going early is the best bet. Around the full moon, night options are a good choice. From sundown to 11PM you will find strong feeding. On the new moon, start at 6AM for great action. Species closures are making a difference and I hope they decide to just leave snook and redfish closed. Trout didn't need to be closed to begin with but with their closure, trout are getting bigger. It is hot but there is action to be had. Just go at the right time and quit when the sun is up high in the sky. Contact Neil at Livelybaits@aol.com Phone: 727-692-6345

Capt. Rick Grasset reports: Tarpon fishing in the coastal gulf is a good option now but conditions are important. Fishing deep grass flats of Sarasota Bay is also good choice for action with a variety of species including trout, blues and Spanish mackerel. Fishing dock lights in the ICW at night is usually dependable for snook and more. Our natural resources are under constant pressure from red tides fueled by industrial, agricultural and residential runoff, freezes, increasing fishing pressure and habitat loss and degradation, please limit your kill, don't kill your limit! Snook Fin-Addict Guide Service, Inc. (941) 923-7799 (office)



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
- Feb 21-22 Shad Outing, Mullet Lake campground
- Mar Casting Clinic
- Mar 29 Annual Banquet - Cancelled
- Apr 23 CCA Banquet - Cancelled
- June 27 Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct 10-17 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

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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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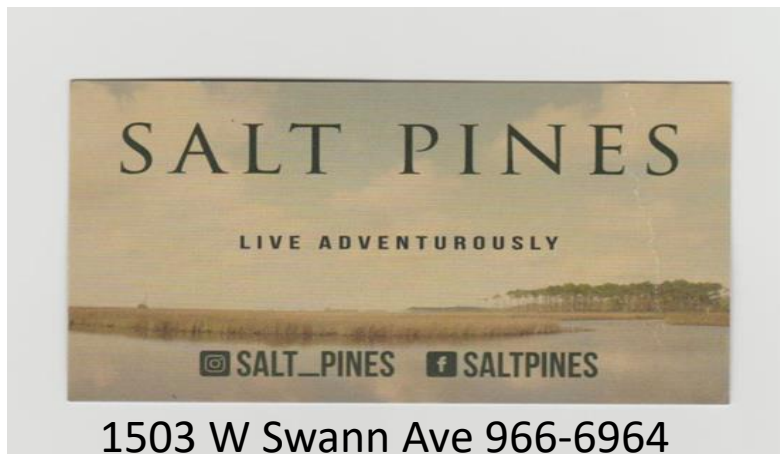
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