



Walt Durkin and Ted Hagaman will present a slide show on beach snook fishing. We will talk about flies, places and techniques. Please join us for a fun and informative meeting.



The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club will meet again Wednesday, 7 July at Compton Park in New Tampa. Directions are on the top of page 3.

**We will meet from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM at Compton Park.** Please do not come early. Fully vaccinated members do not need to wear a mask. If you have not yet gotten your vaccine you must wear a mask. Also, please read and answer the CDC questions on the next page and act accordingly.

Thanks everyone and let's have a safe meeting.

## 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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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. We have a good variety of pictures this month showing lots of opportunities out there. Get out and enjoy these summer days.

Club member **Bruce Anderson** continues 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. **Tim Elms**, from the Suncoast Club, has offered his help, which we appreciate.

Our June meeting 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 you all in July.

Nine members enjoyed our outing at Lake Calm. Details are included in the newsletter.

Happy Fourth of July!

//Walt Durkin 



## Quotes for the Month:

“Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers.” Herbert Hoover

You can't buy happiness, but you can go fishing, and that's pretty much the same thing. Anonymous

“The fun of fishing is catching 'em, not killing 'em.” Norman Schwarzkopf

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# Project Healing Water Restarts

- On June 2, the Bay Pines, Florida Program of PHWFF held their first casting class in over a year at Seminole Lake Park in Seminole, FL.
- Program Lead Beccy Fortin, and volunteers Claude Neidlinger and Jonas Magnusson hosted veterans Wayne Watson, Jeff Hoberg, and Howard Passman and helped them to shake off the dust from the past year.
- “This was our first outing since COVID-19 and although the turnout was small, everyone had a great time and learned a lot,” Fortin said. “We had two participants who had never casted before and they were doing wonderful by the end of the afternoon. Wayne improved tremendously after a year of not being able to fish.”
- Fortin would like to welcome a few new volunteers this year for the Bay Pines Program. Claude Neidlinger, a longtime PHWFF volunteer, has recently relocated to the Bay Pines area. Jonas Magnusson is a retired surgeon and certified casting instructor, and Dana Metts, a member of the American Legion Post 252 Auxiliary, and a volunteer with the local hospital.
- Joe Perez who leads PHW’s with our Tampa club reports: we are ready to come back and our first meeting starts the second Monday of the month in August from 6 to 8 PM. We will have rod building, fly tying and other things . For next year's trip everybody has to attend meetings 5 months prior the trip. If not, they won’t qualify.

# The Virtual FFI EXPO Seeks Donations

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has transformed its annual International Fly Fishing Expo into a virtual event for 2021, completely reimagining how fishing enthusiasts from around the world can experience the Expo from the comfort of their own home. The FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will take place November 5-7, and will be unlike any fly fishing show in the past.

In preparation for the event, FFI is pulling out all the stops to make the Virtual Expo the premier fly fishing event of the year. Teaming up with some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport, FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will feature workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, conservation, women-focused topics, travel, and much more. Similar to other fly fishing shows, there will be vendors, break-out rooms, and entertaining activities—something for everyone. And we need your help.

One critical component of the virtual Expo is an exciting and multi-faceted campaign to raise financial support for FFI's essential programs. This includes:

- Youth recruitment and education programs
- “All Fish, All Waters” conservation initiatives
- Enrichment of the invaluable education tools and information available through the FFI Learning Center

As members of the Expo Fundraising Committee, we are in the early stages of developing several strategies for the fundraising effort, all of which will manifest itself into a complete virtual experience unprecedented in the world of web-based fundraising.

You can help make a difference by donating anything from fly fishing equipment to gift cards, and from airline reward miles to just about anything that might entice fly fishers and non-fly fishers alike. Please know that this request is not intended to interfere with your support of your club and its fundraising activities. If you don't have any items to donate, then we hope you will consider donating your time. We are looking for volunteers to help with this HUGE undertaking.

The auction and fundraising events will begin sometime in early August and culminate at the end of our Virtual Expo, scheduled for November 5th, 6th, and 7th. Some of the anticipated events will include several “Flash” auctions lasting a day or two, several general Virtual Auctions comprising everything from fly fishing related items to general merchandise, a continuous “Buy-Me-Now” Virtual auction starting a few months prior to the Virtual Expo, and additional opportunities for the non-fishing attendees to bid on items that might appeal to them. Capping off the fundraising activities will be a “Live Virtual Auction” planned for the afternoon of November 6.

Please contact Patty Lueken, Expo Planning Chair, at [plueken@lukenlaw.com](mailto:plueken@lukenlaw.com) or Rick Hanes, Expo Fundraising Chair, at [rohdevelopment@aol.com](mailto:rohdevelopment@aol.com) with questions and donation delivery instruction.

## TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

**Club Outing 19 June at Lake Calm.** Nine members fished Lake Calm on 19 June on a breezy, overcast day. Ted and Nick were waiting at the gate at 0600 AM when I arrived with the keys. We all had fun catching bass and panfish on the crystal clear lake. I fished a black gurgler all morning and caught 14, all bass. Small streamers and spiders also worked well. The bass averaged 8 to 12 inches, but the lake holds big bass. Thanks to Dr. John Millns , as always, for sharing his beautiful property with the club. We dined on sandwiches and cookies from Subway. The lake is pictured below from the launch site in the early morning.



## 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](mailto:david@whitestackle.com) ) and I ( [thomsgadacz@yahoo.com](mailto:thomsgadacz@yahoo.com) ) welcome any suggestions or questions.

**Tom Gadacz**  
**President, FFI Florida Council**





# Club Welcomes New Certified Casting Instructor Jonas Magnusson



Jonas believes the very best way to learn the basics is to get solid instructions from a certified casting instructor. Accordingly, Jonas is ready and willing to teach fly casting to interested members. Jonas is new to Tampa and learning our waters, but is an experienced fly fisherman and certified instructor. Jonas also teaches veterans working with Project Healing Waters. Meet Jonas at our next meeting or give him a call at 361 903 2846.





Wes and Kelly pictured on top. Walt with a good bass. Ted in his kayak and a bluegill ready for release.







Lunch at the picnic table features from left: Wes, Robert, Floyd, Patty, Nick and part of Ted. "Fishing Floyd" pictured in his kayak on the far side of the lake. A bluegill suspended in air.



# Fly Fishing Product of the Month



I am kicking off a new feature of the newsletter with recommendations for useful gadgets from club members. I like these Dr. Slick Prism Mitten Scissor Clamps. That's quite a name for one thing.

They are spring loaded and easy to open. The jaws are good for removing small hooks. They also have a scissor function to trim flies or trim leaders. Moreover, a sharp point to clear the eye of your fly when you glue it closed the way I do. Finally, they come with a handy lanyard to prevent loss.

Find them at your local shop or online for about \$20.



“Fishin’ Floyd” with a couple of nice bass from a local canal. We will reveal his secret place at the next meeting!



Club member **Pat Damico** is enjoying summer fishing near his home in Pennsylvania. He caught this big brown on a terrestrial near the bank. Way to go Pat!





Club member **Capt. Bryon Chamberlin** reports: “You don’t need to go to Louisiana to catch a giant redfish. I got the chance to fish the north end of Mosquito Lagoon with **Capt. Billy Rotne** during a crab flush that had the redfish popping the crabs like candy on the surface. He has a unique floating, swimming crab pattern that these redfish can’t resist. The redfish pictured was 44.5 inches in length, and by his calculations was about 32lbs. His clients catch some true giants over there. The biggest so far this year was 52 inches in length. These crab flushes happen at certain times of the year. If you are interested in catching a giant redfish on fly, Capt. Billy Rotne’s website is [www.ponceinletcharters.com](http://www.ponceinletcharters.com)”





Hi Walt -- June 17 and 18 were the dates for SFF's nighttime-is-the-best-time outing on dock-lights or beaches. **Mark Hays** caught this nice redfish fishing the lights at Treasure Island and Blind Pass.

**Bill AuCoin, Suncoast Fly Fishers**



**From recently-retired club member Denise Bruner:** Debbie Griffith and I fished the Chattooga June 18 & 19 and we caught dozens of trout mostly brownies and one bass all on Yellow Stimulators. The water level was running low so wading was easy. We fished both Burrell's Ford Bridge and the campground which was recently stocked for a Children's tournament, plenty of hungry fish were still at the campground. P.S. We will have our annual trip to the Chattooga in mid-November.





**Wes and Kelly** traveled to the Ozarks in northern Arkansas where they caught the tail end of the caddis hatch and fished for brown and rainbow trout primarily in the White River, but also did some warm water fishing for smallmouth bass and bream in Crooked Creek, Bull Shoals Reservoir, and Lake Ouachita. Looks like Kelly got all the big browns!





Club member Jonas Magnusson visited Iceland and found this hot river. Dry flies only.





## Casting Platform for Sale

Aluminum casting platform with removable backrest, 39" x 24" x 18". Built by Sanchez Bros. Very good condition. Ideal for flats or bay boat to raise you 18" above the deck. \$300.  
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## Fishing Report and Forecast

### “What a great time to go fishing!”

**Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports:** I am sorry to report Neil has moved to Arizona. That’s a long way from salt water and we wish him well in his move. I hope to get input from his successor. //Walt

**Captain Pat Damico reports:** Your fly pattern is very important, but not putting the fly in the proper location is even more necessary for success. If casting with your normal setup is giving you poor results, your fly line is probably the culprit because of much warmer weather and especially very warm water. One well-known fly line company makes over 1000 different fly lines for a good reason. In the spring when gulf water temperatures were in the low 60's a line that performed perfectly will not do the same now when the water temperature is above 85. I see this frequently with clients who come from northern states and find they are trying to cast line that behaves like limp spaghetti. A line that performed perfectly for saltwater species in the northeast this spring will be a disaster now. Some fly lines will have designations such as tropic or warm weather on the box. Fly fishing guides understand this and will have the proper lines on their reels. When clients are having difficulty with the equipment they brought with them, I frequently will give them a reel to use with a suitable line on the rod that they feel comfortable with. This will restore their confidence and go a long way to eliminate their frustration resulting in a successful day. *Fly fisherman Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at [captpatdamico.com](http://captpatdamico.com) and 727-504-8649.*

**Capt Rick Grasset reports:** Tarpon will be a good option this month. Catch and release night snook fishing in the ICW or in the surf should also be good options. With water temperatures pushing 90 degrees, shallow water action for reds and big trout will be best early in the day.

Tarpon fishing should be good in the coastal gulf in July, which is my favorite month to fly fish for tarpon. Large schools of tarpon will dwindle in size and numbers to singles, doubles and small schools of post spawn fish. I usually find tarpon to be aggressive and curious in July, with spawning completed and after a long migration, they usually feed aggressively. The tactics are the same as earlier in the season, anchoring or staking out on travel routes, although fish are in a better mood. Unlike the large tarpon schools that we see around full and new moon phases in June, July fish are usually aggressive. Large schools of tarpon are impressive, but if you spook the lead fish you will spook all of them. Smaller baitfish, shrimp and crab patterns seem to work well late in the season.

Reds should be very active in shallow water this month. With plentiful baitfish and higher tides, they should spend more time feeding over shallow grass flats. Look for them along the edges of bars or in potholes when the tide is low or along mangrove shorelines and around oyster bars when the tide is high. You'll also find big trout in many of the same areas where you find reds, but the bite for big trout is usually best early or late in the day. I tie my Grasset Flats Minnow in a larger size this time of year to match the size and profile of pilchards or pinfish that are plentiful. Fly poppers and Gurglers may draw some big explosions! Snook Fin-Addict Guide Service, Inc.; E-mail [snookfin@aol.com](mailto:snookfin@aol.com); (941) 923-7799





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





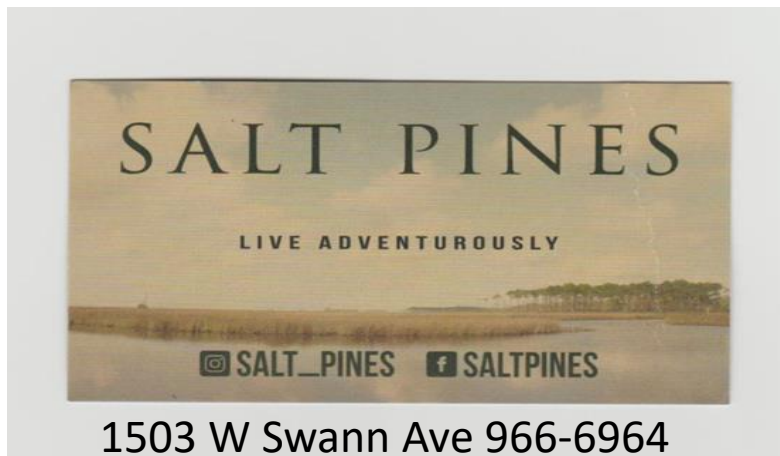
## 2020/21 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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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- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
- Group Clinics and Workshops
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