



**Next meeting 7 August
0600 PM to 0900 PM
Fly Fishing in Argentina**

Kelly Sobczak

Kelly learned to fly fish when she met her husband over 25 years ago. She has fished around the world and this month will talk about a recent trip to Argentina. She will showcase rainbow, brown, and brook trout fishing in Patagonia and golden dorado fishing on the Parana River north of Buenos Aires

Fly Tyer

Club president Walt Durkin will tie a Lefty Deceiver. This has been a good summer snook fly.



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 August and the dog days. We went to the beach at Ft Desoto and spotted three snook along the beach on the west side. Unfortunately, I did not bring my fly rod, but beach snook fishing is still an option. Check out our fishing report for more tips.

I hope you enjoyed the talk on Red Tide last month. I missed it, but folks reported a good turnout and great information from our guest scientists. Let's try to take care of our environment.

Along those lines. Our club has donated \$500 to the **Tarpon and Bonefish Trust**. This organization is doing great conservation work and I encourage you to join as well. You will receive a gift and their informative magazine for a small donation.

We have scheduled the Carl Hanson outing on 12 Oct to try to get better turnout. We fish the Hillsborough River with the Suncoast Club and provide lunch. It's a lot of fun and I hope you can join us that Saturday.

// Walt Durkin 

EVENTS

- 12 Oct: Carl Hanson Outing, Hillsborough River
- 19 Oct: Marine Quest in St Pete
- Oct: Florida Sportsman Show

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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.

Chatoogga River Trip: 3-8 November. Please note the new dates and join us for another trip to the Oconee State Park and great trout fishing for 4 days. We will collect deposits for the trip over the next couple of months. We stay in a comfortable barracks with four bedrooms and two bathrooms. We share meals, fishing and fun. The river is designated wild and scenic and one of the best streams in the south.

Project Healing Waters News:

10 August, 10 to 11:45 Eric Lopez

12 August, 6 to 8 at the Tampa fishing outfitters

13 August, 8:30 to 10:30 in the morning at 18333

Exciting Idle

20 August, 10 to 11:45 at the outreach program

27 August, 10 to 11:45 at the outreach program located at 14517 Bruce b downs suite 102

For any questions call Joe Perez at 813-445-9821
program lead for Project Healing Waters .

Capt. Frank Rhodes and his wife Becky traveled to Montana this summer to show the club flag.



E. G. Simmons Eco Adventure Camp 2019

June 28 and July 12, 2019

The E. G. Simmons Eco Adventure Camp in Ruskin, Florida offers youths a two week experience learning fishing skills. Suncoast Fly Fishers, a FFI Charter club and member of the Florida Council, participates in the program by providing fly casting instructions to youths of the older age group (12 to 15 years of age). We had 16 anglers on June 28 and 14 on July 12. We have participated in this program for the past 6 years. Over the past 6 years the number of girls in each class has increased two or three to a third of the class. The weather for both sessions was rather good with overcast skies, a slight breeze, and no rain. Most of the time is spent fly casting. We have a brief classroom session explaining fly fishing equipment and techniques, differences between fresh and salt water fly fishing, and showing different kinds of flies. The kids are paired up and help each other. The casting stroke is demonstrated and then practiced using the paint brush drill. They dip a paint brush in a bowl of water and starting at ear level, they splash their partner 6 to 8 feet in front of them using as little wrist as possible. They turn around and practice the back stroke starting in front of their face and at eye level, accelerating toward their back with a sudden stop at ear level. The kids practice the paint brush drill for 15 minutes. The instructors move among each pair giving praise and a few instructions. They cast with 5 weight 8' 6" fly rods. Hula hoop targets and 18" potting plates are placed at 30 to 35 feet and they cast to the target. The non-casting partner observes and encourages their partner. Avoiding rotation of the wrist is the greatest initial challenge. They change positions every 10 to 15 minutes. Most of the youths have some proficiency by the end of the sessions and a few a very good. Every youth received a SFF Certificate of Completion of having completed the Junior Training for Fly Casting.

We wish to thank E.G Simmons Director Heather Gay and camp councilors Audrey Gaines, Amanda Bishop, Daniel MacWhoter, Ryan Katz, Mathew Martinez, Jake Conti, Maysa Falcon, and Tristian Kutz.

Tom Gadacz

Pictures follow and thanks to the Suncoast Club for sponsoring this super event!

The youth fly casting sessions were staffed by SFF members Rick Warfel, SFF Vice-president, David Redd, Dennis Marquis, Quinn Berry, Hilton Bruch, Tom Gadacz, and Patty Anderson (Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club).



Fresh Water Ponds by Capt. Pat Damico

Ponds or any freshwater impoundment, large or small, contain a variety of warm water species that are always anxious to take a fly that represents their natural food. Golf courses, roadside ponds, housing developments and small lakes are easily accessible, but may require permission, and can usually be successfully fished from shore. Light tackle will not only be more fun but easier to use and generally readily available. Hand-me-down trout outfits from up north are perfect. Have a knowledgeable fly fisher make sure the equipment is balanced, usually meaning that the line matches the rod. Panfish and bass will be the target so think small. 3 to 5 weight rods are perfect with matching weight forward floating lines. A 7 to 9 foot tapered leader to 8 pound test will even handle the occasional large bass that engulfs your offering. Flies that duplicate terrestrials, ants, crickets, hoppers, beetles and other bugs are great for exciting surface action. Below the surface, use minnow or insect larvae imitations to score. Early and late in the day when the water is cooler is usually best. In the middle of the day, look for shade. Docks, overhanging trees, lily pads, rafts and bridges are my favorites. Most fish are close to shore so use stealth often casting parallel to shore not out into the center of the pond. Be especially careful not to have your shadow hitting the pond surface where you plan to fish. Use very slow presentations, as many strikes occur on the pause. Keep your eye on the floating fly and raise the rod tip to set the hook when the fly disappears in a swirl. Watching the end of the floating line for any unusual movement will tell you when your sub-surface offering is taken. If vacationing, follow the same suggestion.

Fly fisherman Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com and (727) 504-8649.

Capt Bryon and his wife Erin traveled to the Keys for the mini lobster season. Bryon said they did okay on lobster and Bryon had time for one late evening bonefish.



Denise Bruner fished with her friend Debbie fished Montana in July. We fished on the Madison, Big Hole and Boulder with my NC friend Debbie. Fishing was fantastic and we caught some big trout this year.



Ted Hagaman and I fished Charlotte Harbor and Makay Bay looking for baby tarpon. While we found few tarpon, we did catch six snook and four reds, including Ted's big 34" red. At Charlotte Harbor we put in at the Ponce de Leon ramp and fished to the south. In Makay Bay we fished east of the SR 41 bridge where you have a good Mangrove shoreline on both sides. The water was also clear for mid-summer. The big red came from Makay Bay.



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



Ted and Walt beach snook fishing
Little Gasparilla Island May 2019



Walt and Capt. Frank
in the jungles of Columbia



Grand Cayman June 2019



Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports: The significant drought has lifted. Pompano arrived three months late. The challenge of mid-summer fishing is real but the pompano game improved everything 1000 percent. Fish early (0500 AM) or late (after 0300PM) for the best fishing. August is dead ahead and the Fall looks closer. Livelybaits@aol.com Phone: 727-692-6345

Captain Rick Grassett reports action on deep grass flats of Sarasota Bay is improving. Jeff and Matt Babik, from IL, jumped a juvenile tarpon on a DOA TerrorEyz and had good action with trout in Sarasota Bay on Clouser flies and CAL jigs with shad tails. Tim and Cooper Campbell, from Singapore, caught and released trout on deep grass flats of Sarasota Bay and Spanish mackerel in the coastal gulf on Clouser and Grassett Snook Minnow flies and CAL jigs with shad tails on another trip. Tarpon are thinning in the coastal gulf but are aggressive this time of year. They will move to inside areas of Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay as they thin out in the gulf. Fishing mangrove shorelines for catch and release reds and snook may also be a good option. Night fishing for snook and more is a dependable option and a good way to beat the heat. 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)*



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 22 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 3-8 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
- One-On-One Fly Casting Lessons
- Shirts and Hats with club logo
- 80-page Beginner's Basic Skills Instruction Manual
- Annual Banquet

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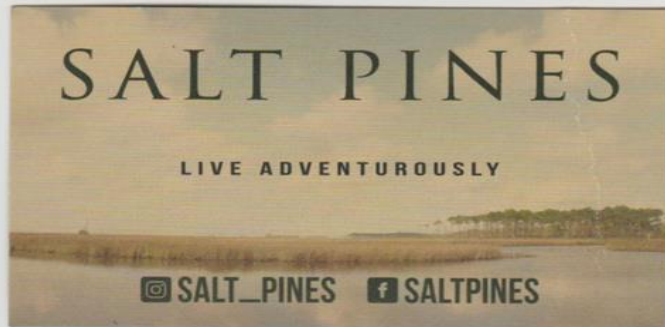
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