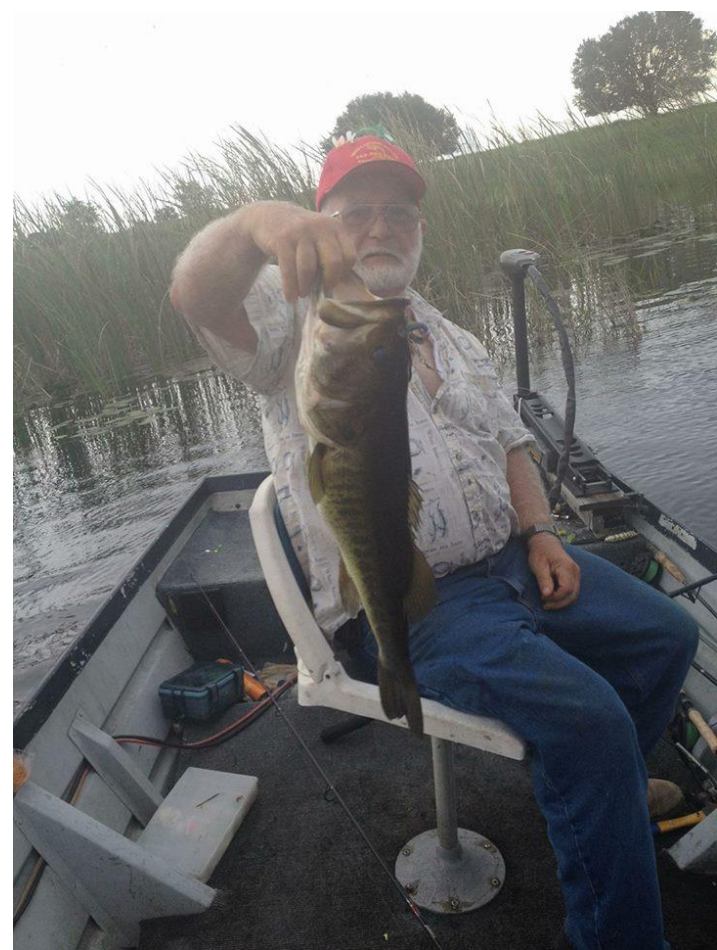




**Next meeting 4 September
0600 PM to 0900 PM
Fresh Water Fishing Tips
Jim Swann**

Jim is a good friend of the TBFFC and will share his tips and tying expertise with us. Summer is a good time to fish our lakes and ponds and Jim can teach a novice about casting and catching fish in five minutes. Jim returned to Dade City in 1994, after a career as a General Motors tool and die maker. He has built his business at 13650 U.S. 98 bypass (Dade City) through word of mouth, and now builds fly or spinning rods for customers from Sarasota to Gainesville. His shop is loaded with a myriad of fishing gear and is well worth a visit to experience an old Florida shop. You will likely find Jim tying one of the thousands of flies in his shop. Please join us for good stories and advice from a master.



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 September and the beginning of the end of summer. We can now dream of cool, clear water and more sight fishing chances in the fall and winter. Check out our fishing report for tips.

I hope you enjoyed Kelly's talk on fishing in Argentina last month. Thanks to Kelly and Wes for sharing details of another great adventure.

Try the Lefty's Deceiver for snook in the bay as they transition from the beaches. This is a good time of year for a lively baitfish pattern.

The **Tarpon and Bonefish Trust** acknowledged our donation of \$500.00 They are 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
- 16-17 Nov: Florida Sportsman Show
- 17 Nov: Big Gun, Picnic Island

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The BIG GUN SHOOT-OUT



Sponsored by the **Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club**

Sunday, November 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Picnic Island Park, Tampa (Shelter #611)

Experts and beginners alike are invited to test their fly casting skills at the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club's annual "Big Gun Shoot-Out" casting competition!

Individuals and teams of 3 are welcome!

Plaques will be awarded for highest scoring individual, highest scoring teams, and the "Big Gun," the overall distance casting champion.

Contestants will participate in competition stations that mimic the challenges of fly fishing, such as casting under the mangroves, into a cup of water, or through a hoop suspended a few feet off the ground. Come out and give it a try – you'll be hooked!

The competition will run from 9 am - 12 pm. There is NO entry fee, and lunch will be provided to all contestants. You may use your own rod for all competition stations except the Big Gun distance contest. Volunteers also are needed to help set up the course and score contestants.

CONTACT: Rick O'Hara (flyguy47@verizon.net)

Please let us know if you are coming by 11/13 so we can order adequate food and beverages

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.

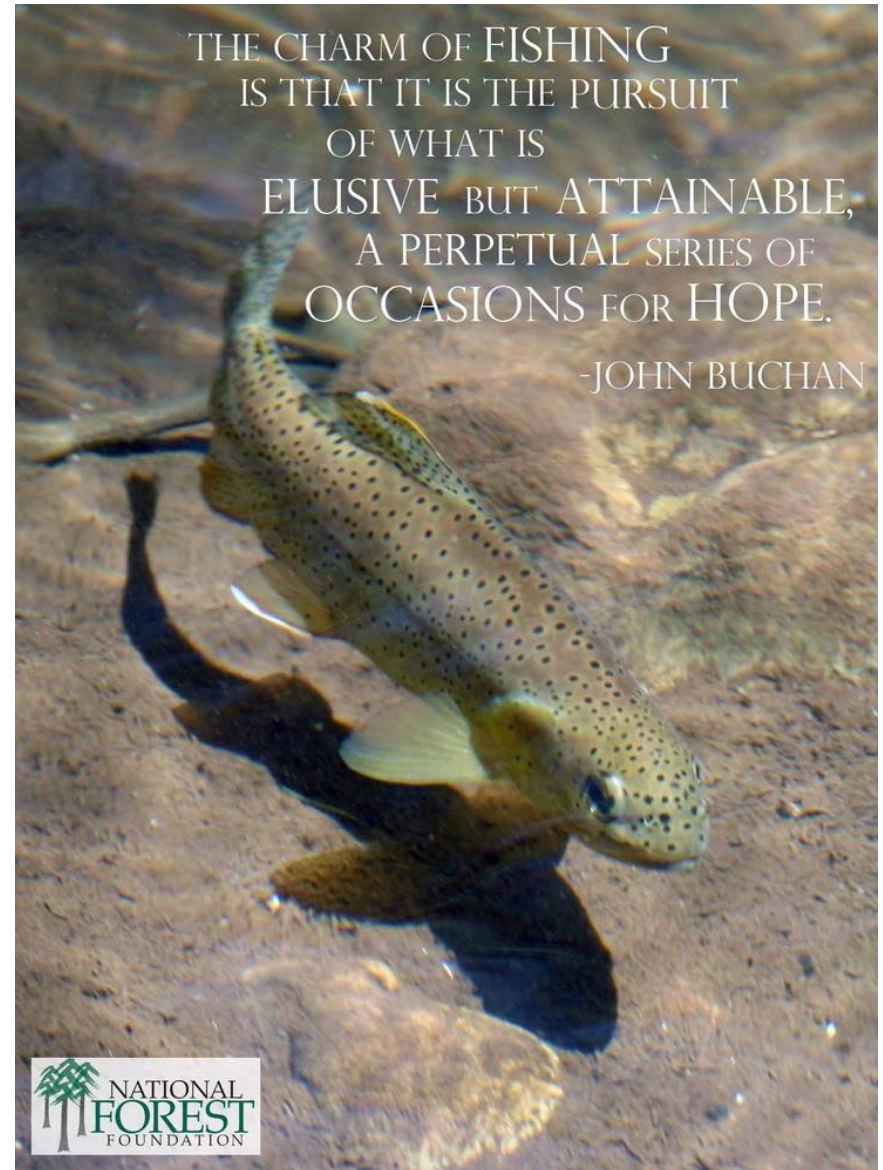
Chatoogga River Trip: 3-8 November. Please note the new dates and join us for another trip to the Oconee State Park and great trout fishing for 4 days. We will collect deposits for the trip over the next couple of months. We stay in a comfortable barracks with four bedrooms and two bathrooms. We share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

Project Healing Waters News:

Second Monday at Tampa fishing outfitters

Tuesdays 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 .



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.

1. Patty Anderson with her niece Kit Kinzer showing off Kit's first fish with a fly rod. Snowy Range, WY
2. Denise Bruner with a trout from Eleven Mile Canyon, CO
3. Denise demonstrating to Bruce Anderson how big the brown trout she casted after in the Dream Stream section of the South Platte River
4. Patty Anderson with a trout in Eleven Mile Canyon, CO



Denise Bruner and Bruce Anderson walking to the Dream Stream section South Platte River, Lake George CO. Bruce and Denise fishing the Dream Stream section of the South Platte River, Lake George, CO



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: Over a full week of daily rain and cloud cover, water temperatures dropped. That drop in temperature really made the fishing better. Pompano have been mysterious. They are being caught but not always where you expect them. Trout are plentiful but typical for summer, they are mostly on the small side. The good news: We have survived most of the summer. The bad news, you can bet a hurricane is possible in the weeks to come.

Livelybaits@aol.com Phone: 727-692-6345

Captain Rick Grassett reports there are lots of options this month, late season tarpon, snook in the surf or at night or fishing skinny water for reds or big trout. Tarpon fishing is usually best when sweat is pouring down your back, but you'll want to fish early in the day in inside waters. Our natural resources are under constant pressure from red tides fueled by agricultural, industrial and residential runoff, freezes, increasing fishing pressure and habitat loss and degradation, **please limit your kill, don't kill your limit!**

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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 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 17 Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Nov 16-17 Florida Sportsman Show
- Dec Members Year End Party
- Dec Play Hooky at the Hatchery
- Dec Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
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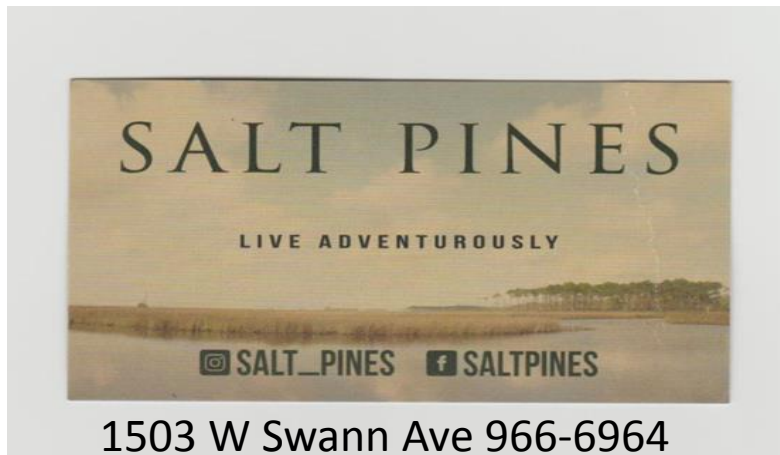
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