



We are canceling our 2 September meeting due to the continued threat from COVID. We will try again on 7 October at Compton Park. Meanwhile, stay vigilant and safe.

Photo left shows Bruce Anderson fishing Lake Zimmerman, 50 miles west of Ft Collins, CO. We were after native greenback cutthroat (pictured below), but no luck that day. They are usually rising among moose feeding in the lake. Zimmerman is at 10,500 feet after a 1 1/3 rd mile uphill hike. I took several breaks along the way, but worth it!



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 will try to resume club meetings when we can gather safely. I miss seeing you all and hope we get ahead of this virus soon. **We are schedule for 7 Oct at Compton Park.**

Until then, try to make time to get outdoors and enjoy fishing, hiking or other activities where you can avoid groups. We thought of trying an online meeting, but have not gotten that organized. However, you have many YouTube and other videos to learn from and fish vicariously. I think getting out locally is better than another computer session anyway.

Beach snook fishing is still a good option and guide Neil Taylor reports August has been on of his best months of the summer. Fish early and late to avoid thunderstorms. Booking one of our guides now is another great option.

I spent five weeks in Colorado with friends and family and enjoyed cool, mountain weather while chasing trout. We bought a Zen Tenkara rod and are loving this new, simpler way to fly fish. If you haven't tried it yet, give it a chance!

//Walt Durkin 

Project Healing Waters News

PHW has cancelled overnight all 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

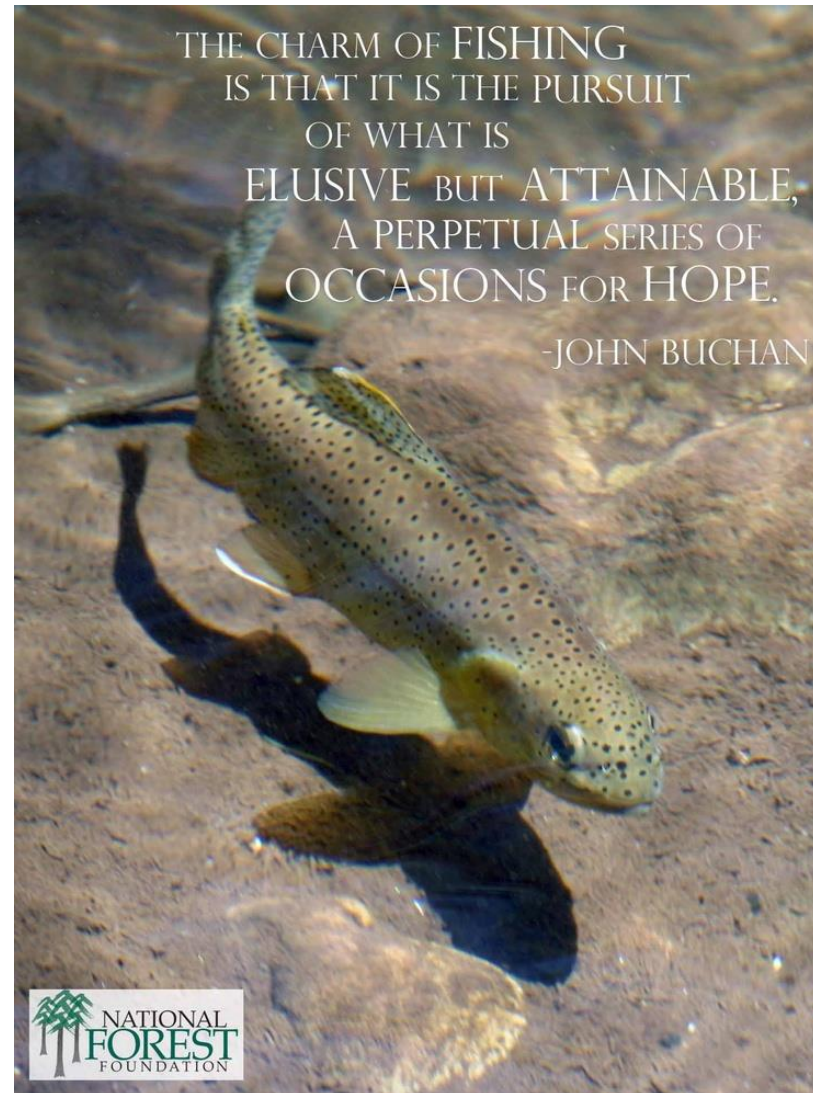
FWC biologist Gina Russo has this news. FWC's Research Institute decided recently to make Marine Quest 26 a "virtual" event that would be open one day only to school aged kids 4th – 8th grade. The open house on Saturday will not take place in person but will be part of the "Virtual" St. Pete Science Festival.

On other news, the **Florida Sportsman Expo** in Tampa is not happening. They cancelled the Ft. Myers show mid-March, and are not coming back to Tampa at all. These shows were slowing down before COVID.

It's not too late to support CCA and join the Star Tournament. You can win multiple great prizes (boats and trucks) while helping a great conservation organization.

TBFFC Moving from Compton Park

We got a reprieve at Compton Park for the time being thanks to Dr. Greg Stepanski. We will try Compton Park on 7 October. //Walt



Lou and Walt fishing the upper Colorado river on the way to Rocky Mountain National Park. Lou is working the Tenkara rod in a nice pool with rising fish.



Continental Divide
Milner Pass elev. 10,759 ft.

The "Great Divide" separates drainage to the Atlantic from drainage to the Pacific. It traverses America from Alaska almost to Cape Horn.

← **Atlantic Ocean drainage** **Pacific Ocean drainage** →

Chuele La Poudre Creek drains into the Platte River which flows to the Missouri, then to the Mississippi, thus reaching the Gulf of Mexico (part of the Atlantic Ocean)

Beaver Creek drains into the Colorado River, which then flows through Grand Canyon National Park and on to the Gulf of California. (A part of the Pacific Ocean)

Patty Anderson enjoying Colorado fishing on the Fraser river on the right. It's a small stream, but we found hungry trout up to 12 inches and spotted bigger ones. Fishing the Colorado on the left.



Patty Anderson and Lou Cunningham up in the mountains on the Colorado river. That is Poudre Lake, the headwaters of the Cache le Poudre river, a freestone river flowing over 40 miles from that lake in the Rockies down thru Ft Collins. Great fishing on one of the few freestone rivers in the U.S. without a damn.



Wild flowers in the mountains.





Capt. Bryon Chamberlin reports: Got to fish a bit while in the Keys in late July. I caught one bonefish while out with Erin and Snickers. Snickers got so excited he jumped in with the bonefish while I landed it. I also fished with my buddy Honson Lau and another of his friends in Biscayne Bay. We caught 6 bonefish all around 6-7lbs.



Club member Rich Gorden caught a beach snook in Naples and club member Floyd Holder did the same on Sanibel. Good job guys and nice pictures! Remember to hold your catch horizontally and only out of the water for only a few seconds for a quick snap.



Robert Fischer reports: Jim Swann and I went to Wheaton's Lodge in northern Maine in June for some smallmouth bass fishing. We fished three days with Dale Wheaton in a 20' wooden canoe that he made himself. We had a wonderful trip, good accommodations, great food, excellent staff and guide. It was good to leave 95 degree temps here and go into 60 to 80 degree temps there. In three days I caught about 150 bass on flies and Jim caught over 200 on jigs, plugs, beetle spins and flies, all between 1 and 3 pounds.



Robert Fischer reports: this mackerel from Tampa Bay served three functions: 1. it was a good fight on a 7 wt rod; 2. it was entered in the CCA Star tournament; and 3. it made a great lunch with butter, garlic, salt and pepper under a broiler. Nothing like making the most out of your fish catches!

There are lots of mackerel and trout available now in the bay near the bait schools. Just look where the boats are casting nets for white bait and fish near by. They liked 3" green and white or grey and white clousers with lots of flash. Take several however because their teeth mess up flies pretty quickly. Lots of fun.



Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports: August has been the best summer fishing I have seen in my entire life and species closures have helped. Things still not great with pompano, flounder, snook and redfish, but improving improvements. We have been doing pre-sunrise trips and the flats action has been great until about 10AM. After that action slows, however, the silver trout have been easy and feed all day long. Steve caught his first silver trout on fly. Whiting also in the mix in the silver trout hole and this action has been easy. Deep troughs are where you want to be when the sun is up high. On the fly, ladyfish will add to the action and jacks are possible. The speckled trout: Steve caught more than 30 on a Neil Taylor fly before we hit the trough. As a guide, it has simply been sitting there watching people catch fish. In August, that is impressive. The water is HOT but the fish don't seem to care. They are eating and it has been easy to find the action and stay on the action. Contact Neil at Livelybaits@aol.com Phone: 727-692-6345

Capt. Pat Damico: Tarpon get most of the attention when we talk about exciting fly action for large fish in our area. Earlier in the year as the water warmed and baitfish became more prolific large tarpon followed their forage and populated most of our local water. Following the tarpon were fish that consider tarpon as their favorite food. These top of the food chain predators are a variety of sharks. Waiting patiently for a tarpon that will take a fly can make for a very long day. How many times, especially in shallow water, have you seen sharks patrolling your tarpon hot spot? If you cast to them with a tarpon setup and did get a hookup, a frayed leader was usually your reward. A slight modification in your tarpon setup is needed. Ideally have a second rod already rigged to save time and not ruin your tarpon chances. A 10 wt fly rod, 200 yards of 30-pound backing and a leader with a 4 ft 60-pound butt section, twenty-pound class tippet, and a 1 ft wire bite tippet will attach to the fly. Use a Bimini twist to double the section next to the 40-pound single strand wire. Attach the wire to the double-strand leader with an Albright knot. The bright orange or red fly size 3/0 will need a haywire twist to complete the connection to the wire leader. Cast ahead of the shark and work the fly with a slow, teasing erratic motion. A hookup will need several serious strip sets low and to the side, then hang on! If not familiar with some of the knots, an internet search is needed. When using single-strand wire, a right angle back and forth motion will break the tag end of the wire with a clean smooth finish. Using a tool to cut the wire will leave a very sharp result that will injure you or cut your leader while playing the fish. Catch and careful release is encouraged. 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: Fly anglers fishing the coastal gulf with me, out of CB's Saltwater Outfitters on Siesta Key, had some action with tarpon recently. After an extended period of west wind, we finally switched to an east wind pattern for a few days. Justin Hamblett, from Sarasota, fished a day with me and caught and released a tarpon. After a couple of refusals, a fly change resulted in a hook up. Great job! Fishing deep grass flats of Sarasota Bay is a good choice for action with a variety of species including trout, blues and Spanish mackerel. Fishing dock lights before dawn is usually dependable for snook and more and is a great 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)



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 23 CCA Banquet - Cancelled
- June 27 Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct 10-17 Two Boys inn, Andros Island (postponed)
- Oct (virtual) Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct 17-24 Mexico: Costa de Cocas trip (postponed)
- Oct ?? Carl Hanson Outing, Hillsborough River
- Nov 8-12 Chattooga Trip for trout still a go
- Nov 6-7 FFI Expo
- Nov (maybe) Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Cancelled Florida Sportsman Show
- Dec 3 (maybe) Member's Year End Party
- Dec Cancelled Play Hooky at the Hatchery
- Dec Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto
- Jan 16 Fly Casting Clinic

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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.

- Monthly Meetings with informative speakers
- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
- Group Clinics and Workshops
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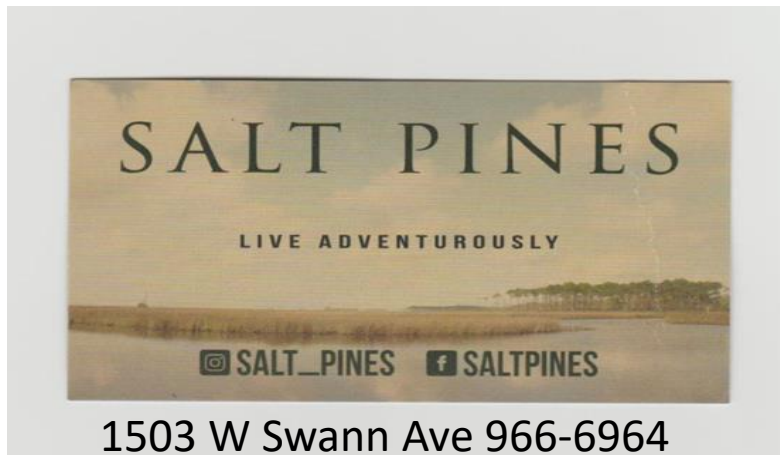
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