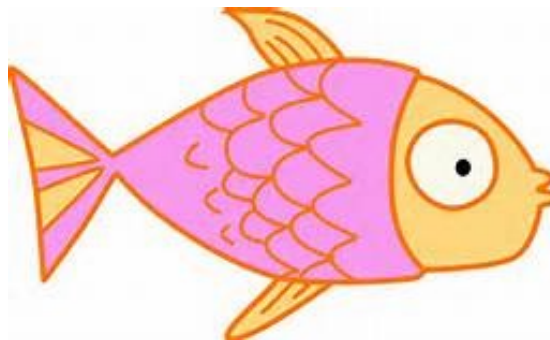




**Next meeting 4 Dec 2017
0600 PM to 0900 PM**

Annual Holiday Party

Please come and join our party to celebrate the holidays with good friends and food. We will serve our special “grits and grunts” freshly caught by Robert Fischer and friends. You may bring an appetizer, salad or desert of your choice and we will provide beverages. Also bring items to sell or swap to make room for all your new fishing stuff. Finally, bring a funny, weird or nice gift to participate in a “white elephant” gift (\$10-\$15) exchange. See the official rules for this on page 2.



White Elephant Exchange

Players draw names to determine what order they will go in

The first player selects a gift from the pool and opens it

Make sure everyone can see the gift!

The following players can choose to either pick an unwrapped gift from the pool or steal a previous player's gift. Anyone who gets their gift stolen in this way can do the same – choose a new gift or steal from someone else.

To keep things moving along, there are a couple of limits on gift swapping:

A present can only be stolen once per turn, which means players who have a gift stolen from them have to wait to get it back.

After three swaps, the turn automatically comes to an end (otherwise things could drag on for a *long* time).

Three Swaps and *the Gift is Out*. If a present gets stolen three times, it's out of the game and the person who holds it gets to walk away with it.

After all players have had a turn, the first player gets a chance to swap the gift he or she is holding for any other opened gift. Anyone who's gift is stolen may steal from someone else (as long as that person hasn't been stolen from yet). When someone declines to steal a gift, the game comes to an end.

Note that for this last "extra" turn, the three-swap rule doesn't apply. Players can keep swapping until someone decides to stand pat, or there are no other eligible people to steal from.

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 December and great winter sight fishing opportunities. Check out our fishing report for tips.

I hope you enjoyed

We need help at the Florida Sportsman Show on 16 and 17 Nov.

// Walt Durkin



EVENTS

- 16-17 Nov: Florida Sportsman Show
- 17 Nov: Big Gun, Picnic Island
- 4 Dec: Our Christmas party
- 13 Dec: Play hooky at the hatchery
- 14 Dec: Casting clinic

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Big Gun Results: Over 50 avid fly casters tried their luck and skill at our annual Big Gun Shootout. Thanks for the great attendance and all the help setting up and scoring. We especially appreciated the folks who came from around the state to compete and set high standards. Dave Olsen won this year for the longest cast (125 ft) and also best overall score (485). If you want to out-score Dave you better bring your "A" game. The ??? had the best team score of 1200 and included Bryon Chamberlin, Nick Angelo and Greg Peterson. They are club guides and we appreciate their skill and dedication to our sport. Contact them for a super day on the water. Four women participated and Lisa Loman took home the trophy.

Play Hooky at the Hatchery 13 Dec: Please join us for a fun morning of fishing at the Port Manatee Fish and Wildlife Hatchery. It is located across the street from the Manatee jail at 14470 Harllee Rd Palmetto, FL 34221. Arrive at 08:00 AM to begin fishing. Check in at the office on the right and drive down to the pond on the left.

Gina Russo will talk about the hatchery and we will have lunch and drinks. Bring small Clouser minnow patterns and a floating or sinking line for snook, reds and tarpon.

Chatoogga Trip. Fourteen club members traveled to Mountain Rest, SC to fish the wild and scenic Chatoogga river. We stayed in cabins and the barracks at the Oconee State Park where we shared great meals. We caught the weather just right, between fronts, and had sunny days and cool nights. They stocked the river by helicopter on Monday giving us plenty of action on rainbow, brown and brook trout. Everyone had double digit fish days fishing both wet and dry flies. The river height was just right for easy wading and fishing. We will plan another trip in mid-November, so sign up early to reserve your place.

Casting Clinic 14 December: We are working with the Suncoast club to provide another casting clinic. Woodlawn Sports Center, Field 2, 1450 16th St. North, St. Petersburg. Saturday, Dec. 14, from 8 am to 3 pm. We'll keep working on fundamental skills but will make the drills much more like real fishing conditions. Beginners, advanced and in between will all have fun! Dale Mazarella, Pat Damico, Tom Gadacz, Steve Smith, Leigh West, Chris O'Byrne and others will assist you in developing the skills needed to catch more fish. COST: Free to FFI members, others can join FFI for a year, \$15 Juniors, \$25 Seniors, and \$35 Regular. Breakfast and lunch provided by sponsor Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club. Contact Pat Damico for further information (727) 504-8649.





Big Gun photos by Nanette O'Hara. Dave Olsen with the individual and long cast trophy; Greg, Bryon and Nick with the team trophy and Lisa with the women's trophy. President Walt Durkin presenting.



Denis Marquis, Bill AuCoin



Capt. Frank and Kelly show you can catch bonefish on a rainy day. A nice double and some good singles on a 20-plus fish day in Mexico. By the way, did you know bonefish don't tail in the rain? They don't want to get their tails wet.



Walt and Dick
Meikka fished the
Miramachi River in
New Brunswick in
mid-September at
Bullocks Lodge.

Viewed on the left is
the home pool
where Walt caught a
14 pound Atlantic
salmon and Dick
hooked and lost a
much larger fish.

We had a great time
and also caught a
few brook trout and
Dollies. You fish
from 9 to 12am and
then break for a hot
lunch and a nap
followed by fishing
from 4 to 7pm. We
enjoyed Canadian
beer and a bottle of
Famous Grouse
scotch. One of our
guides was Vince
Swayze, born on the
river, and 85 years
young.

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



Grand Cayman June 2019



Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Kayak guide Neil Taylor reports: Livelybaits@aol.com Phone: 727-692-6345

Nervous water a key to finding fish: Fishing shallow water with artificials, especially flies, improves dramatically when you recognize areas that hold a high percentage of feeding fish. Nervous water, irregularities seen on the surface, are a signal that must be recognized. Water always has a definite pattern. When that pattern is disturbed it usually means fish are underneath the spot. Baitfish, mullet, ladyfish, trout, jacks, and redfish are all possibilities. If the surface is smooth as glass, a small disturbance is easily recognized. A slight breeze shows a consistent ripple pattern. If a smoother or more rippled area is present that's your clue. Make a cast instantly to the spot and work your artificial through it. If using a long leader with a fly, cast so that the line itself doesn't slap the disturbed surface spooking the fish. Spin tackle with monofilament or braided line is not much of an issue. When the nervous water is moving, it can be a school of fish. The disturbed water is always behind the fish so lead with your cast to stay ahead of the fish. This means cast where the fish will be. Remember the 180-degree rule for fly casting. This means that your backcast and forward cast must be directly opposite one another. A false cast or two may be necessary when really changing direction. Good polarized glasses with a yellow tint are an absolute necessity on overcast days. Bright sun and clear skies respond best to a brownish hue. A dark brim on the undersurface of your hat is also very helpful. A black permanent marker will do the trick if not already present. Tilting your head will further reduce glare improving vision so that looking through the surface is easier.

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

Capt. Rick Grasset reports: Fishing dock lights for snook and more before dawn and the flats or coastal gulf after daylight is a good option. With stone crab traps in the water now, there is more structure to attract tripletail in the coastal gulf. Fishing mangrove shorelines for catch and release reds and snook in backcountry areas should also be a good option. You may find juvenile tarpon in creeks, canals or around dock lights this time of year. 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)

Club member Ken Moser booked Rick for a trip and enjoyed night snook and daytime trout!



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 4 Members Year End Party
- Dec 13 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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- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
- Group Clinics and Workshops
- Fly Tying Lessons
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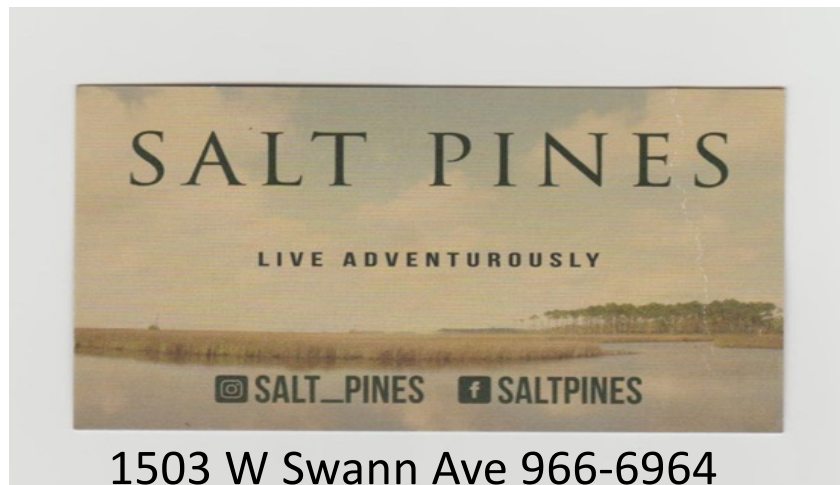
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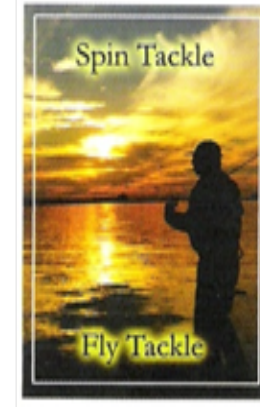
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