



Long time club member **Jim Swann** will talk to the club on fresh water fly fishing. Jim returned to Dade City in 1994, after a career as a General Motors tool and die maker. You can find Jim at his shop at 13650 U.S. 98 bypass in Dade City.

After a short talk Jim will answer all your questions. Visit his great shop to bring back memories of old Florida and check out thousands of his flies.



The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club will meet again Wednesday, 4 Aug 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?
- Have you been in close physical contact in the last 14 days with anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 OR anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?
- Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?
- Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?

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 will soon be in the dog days of August, as if it is not hot enough already. Additionally, this red tide bloom is further hindering our fishing efforts. Perhaps we can try a local pond or lake. Club member Floyd Holder has been catching bass and stripers in the Tampa bypass canal near Harney Park. Best fished from a boat, but you can walk the banks.

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.

Please take a look at the Florida Council website: <http://ffi-florida.org>.

Club member **Jonas Magnuson** wrote this article on fly line kick. Check it out at: <https://everyjonahasawhale.com/blog/the-fly-line-kick/>

//Walt Durkin 

Quotes for the Month:

There is no greater fan of fly fishing than the worm. *Patrick McManus*

What a tourist terms a plaque of insects, the fly fisherman calls a great hatch. *Patrick McManus*

Fly fishing is a magic way to recapture the rapture of solitude without the pangs of loneliness. *John D Voelker*

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Tom H. Logan, Chairman of the FFI Board Conservation Committee reports this good news.

I am pleased to share “National Wildlife Refuges: A Hunting and Fishing Perspective” with you. This is an excellent report with “Hunt-Fish Tenets For Refuges” that FFI has sponsored along with our many Conservation partners that is intended to further opening National Wildlife Refuges to both hunting and fishing. The Tenets of this report generally recommend and provide a basis for expanding hunting and fishing opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges. A total of 567 NWRs exist with 427 of them open to hunting and 376 open to fishing. Clearly, there is additional and compatible opportunity for expanding these recreational activities on those NWRs that remain closed. The report also speaks to the financial role hunters and fishers have played in funding fish and wildlife management programs through purchase of hunting and fishing licenses and payment of federal sales taxes on purchase of fishing and hunting equipment for decades

You may access the report at the following link:

<https://www.trcp.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Refuge-Report-Final.pdf>

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.

Please take a look at the Florida Council website: <http://ffi-florida.org>. The Expo is mentioned on the front page and then heavily featured on the events page.

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) and I (thomasgadacz@yahoo.com) welcome any suggestions or questions.

Tom Gadacz
President, FFI Florida Council



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.

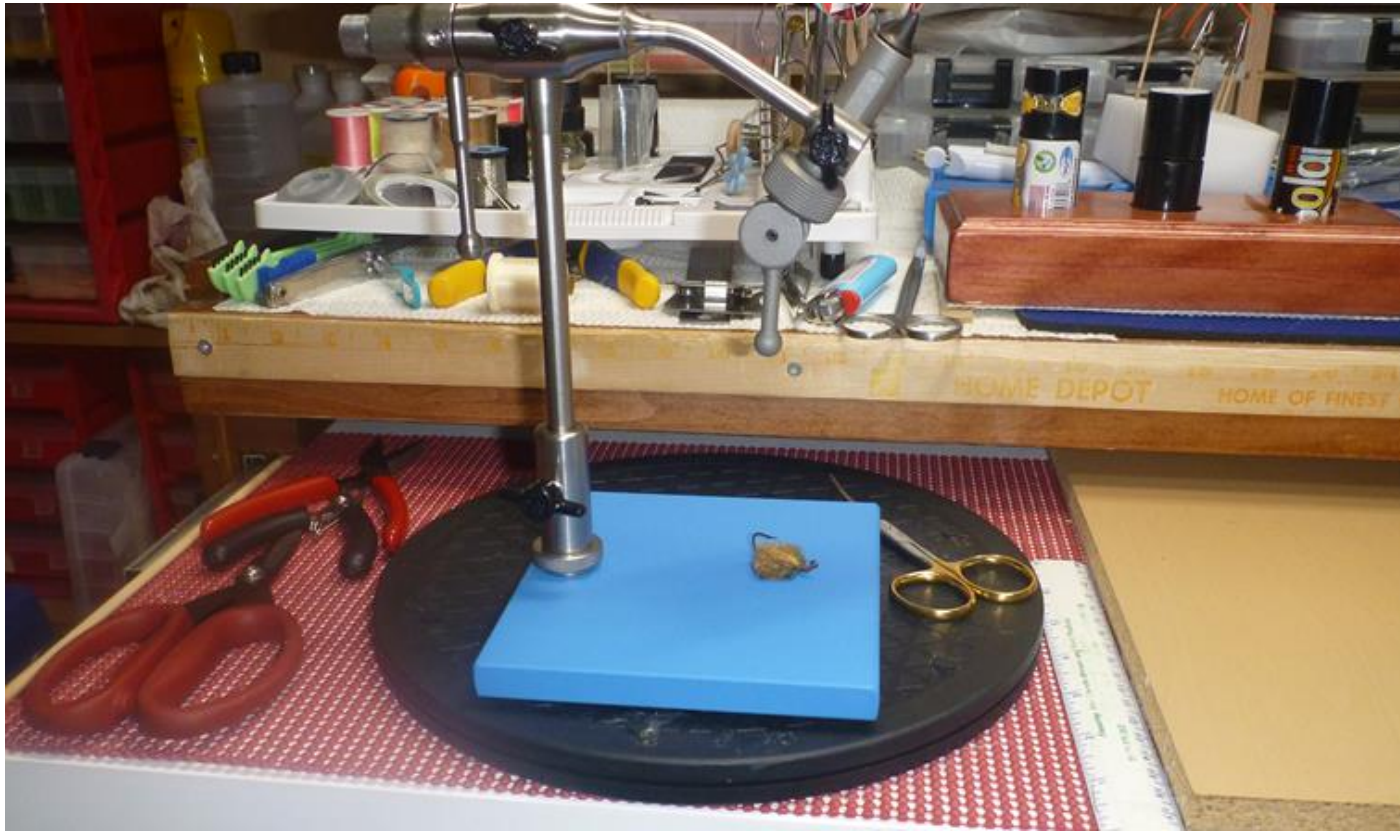
The auction and fundraising events will begin sometime in early August and culminate at the end of our Virtual Expo, scheduled for November 5th, 6th, and 7th. Some of the anticipated events will include several “Flash” auctions lasting a day or two, several general Virtual Auctions comprising everything 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 or Rick Hanes, Expo Fundraising Chair, at rohdevelopment@aol.com with questions and donation delivery instruction.

Ron Cavalier's Lazy Susan Tip for FLY Tying

The problem is that I make a lot of shrimp and crab patterns as well as minnow patterns and it's a pain to try to adjust eyes on flies without twisting the vise to see how I attached them. I finally came up with the idea that you will see in the attached photo. I bought this 10" lazy susan from Amazon for \$9.00. Someone asked me if the table moved while I tied and I said yes, it does, however unless you are a one armed fly tyer, most of us place our left hand on the vise to hold material in place or to tightly wrap the thread onto the material. The table worked better than I had hoped for. It's now a real pleasure tying the patterns I tie as a simple turn of the vise on the table toward me gives me a perfect view of the eyes on the hook and any adjustments I need are done before I secure the eyes with U.V. material. This one is a no brainer for any of the tyers who experience this same problem while tying.

Member, Ron Cavalier, 813 260 300



Tim Duke sent this report: "My two sons, Rob and Brian, and my grandson Robbie, went on an Orvis guided fly fishing trip in Blowing Rock, NC. We had a wonderful trip - just beautiful and had a very productive trip fighting and landing a number of big trout". Great fish Tim!



Greg Stepanski and wife Sue took their son Brian on a fly fishing trip to the Snake River. They caught cutthroats, brook trout and whitefish under blue skies.



Capt. Bryon Chamberlin reports: On our annual lobster mini season trip to the keys, I caught a couple of bonefish while wading in Key Largo Sound. Low incoming tide near dusk was the ticket. The rest of the time we spent snorkeling and searching for lobsters.



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.



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Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Captain Pat Damico reports: How do I strip my fly? Next to, "What fly should I use?" this is a very frequent question. On a recent saltwater charter, two clients told me about trips made during their last couple of days when they caught nothing after 6 hours of wade fishing. Stopping the boat in a wind-protected area, I asked each one to cast for me. Both were very poor casters, with layouts of their line full of slack. Holding the rod tip about 5 feet above the water, when they did strip, the fly never moved. Each did a couple of casts and "worked" the fly, and their Clouser minnow did not move in any of their presentations. No fish would show interest in a baitfish imitation that didn't move. Their stripping to give the fly appropriate action varied considerably. I told them to watch the end of their floating fly line where it joined the butt section of the leader. This gives you a very good indication of what your fly is doing. Saltwater fish usually like to have the fly on their level. If they are on the bottom in 5 feet of water, a fly on the surface is rarely taken. Sometimes with the tide coming toward you, it is necessary to exaggerate the long frequent strips to give the fly the desired action. Keeping the rod tip close to the water during the retrieve and at the beginning of the cast also helps reduce slack

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: Many tarpon will move into estuaries this month. You may also find juvenile tarpon in creeks, canals and turning basins. Reds should be schooling on shallow flats and big trout will prowl the same waters at dawn. Also, look for trout on deep grass flats mixed with blues, pompano, Spanish mackerel and more. Catch and release snook fishing should be good around lighted docks at night or in the surf. Look for false albacore (little tunny) to possibly show up in the coastal gulf later in the month. Reds should school up this month, although their numbers have been thin for the past couple of years. You should find them on shallow flats where they'll be easier to find when the tide is low. Look for "nervous" water when it is slick calm or a slick patch of water when there is a ripple on the water. They may push a wake that looks like a boat wake. I try to be as quiet as possible in shallow water, poling to locate them. Once you've located a school of reds, try to get ahead of them to intercept them, much like tarpon fishing. If you work around the edges of the school, you may be able to catch a few of them before they spook. We often also find big jacks, blues and other predators in the mix along with reds. Fly poppers or Gurglers may draw some big strikes!

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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



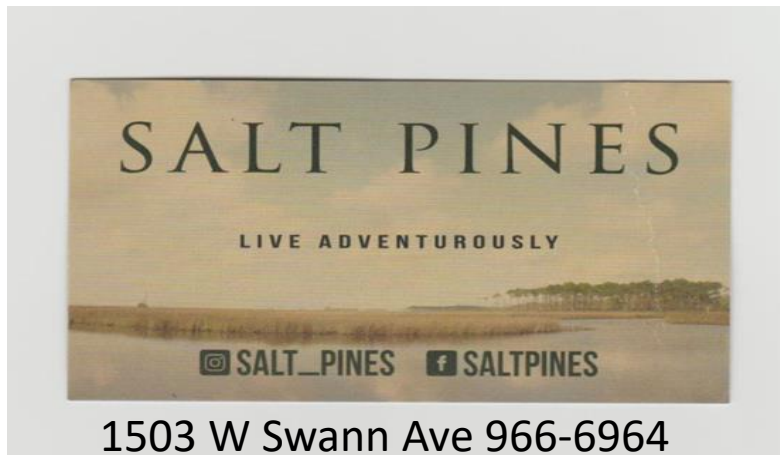
2020/21 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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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- 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
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