



Jonas Magnusson will be our guest speaker. A native of Iceland, Jonas now lives in Florida. He is an experienced fly fisherman and a certified casting instructor. Jonas will talk about his fly fishing adventures in Iceland during a slide show. We are fortunate to have Jonas as a new member. Please come and enjoy an informative and interesting presentation.



The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club will meet again Wednesday, 1 Sep 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. Everyone 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?
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- 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. The dog days are upon us with mid-day heat. I hope you have been able to fish early and late. We have had some low tides in the early evening that could be productive.

Walking on Bayshore with my wife this morning we had a good outgoing tide. At one spot where a storm drain hits the bay, we counted 48 snook lined up in that current. The water was clear for August and the snook looked healthy. This is good news for Tampa Bay. We saw several boats out about 100 yards, but none near those snook.

Bruce Anderson has launched our new website at TBFFC.org Bruce has put in a lot of work and I think you will find it quite enjoyable and informative. Check it out and let us know what you think. Be patient as we continue to develop content.

Special thanks to Bill AuCoin and Layne Smith of the Suncoast Fly Fishing Club for sending me items for our newsletter. Bill has a great tip for us and Smitty another one of his super recipes.

//Walt Durkin 

Quotes for the Month:

"Shorten your line, focus your casts, and slow things down. Enjoy the magic of local fishing."
— Fennel Hudson

"Most of the world is covered by water. A fisherman's job is simple: Pick the best parts".
-Charles Waterman

"I am not against golf, since I cannot suspect it keeps armies of the unworthy from discovering trout." – Paul O'Neil

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

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

Senate Passes Bipartisan Infrastructure Package with Major Conservation Investments

Senators make the most of this opportunity to fund wildlife crossings, public land road repairs, and natural infrastructure solutions that benefit habitat and American communities

(Washington, D.C.) — After working through the weekend, Senators passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in a 69-30 vote today, advancing numerous conservation investments and priorities.

“Making this commitment to habitat restoration, water quality, climate resilience, wildlife crossings, and road access on our public lands signals that Senate lawmakers understand the job-creating power of conservation and the foundational importance of outdoor recreation and natural resources in America,” says **Whit Fosburgh, president and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**. “These efforts are not only worth the investment as we think about the future of the nation’s infrastructure—many are long overdue. We look forward to working with House lawmakers to advance these priorities and make robust investments in conservation as the infrastructure package moves forward.”

FFI Expo Cancelled

“We have cancelled the FL Council Expo due to Covid concerns, and hope to reschedule for the spring. Meanwhile, please check out the upcoming FFI Virtual Expo, full of workshops, demos, seminars, exhibitors, and auctions. Registration opens today! Here's a link ”

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities>

Tom Gadacz

President, FFI Florida Council

Tying Flies with Foam

Video shows numerous tips and tricks for fly tying with foam. This is part of a series of Tim Flagler’s collaboration with Fly Tyer Magazine. Check out his article about the fly in the Summer 2019 issue of Fly Tyer Magazine or on their website:

<https://www.flytyer.com/pro-tips-for-tying-with-foam/> Subscribe to all our videos: [https://www ...](https://www...)

www.youtube.com. **Capt. Pat Damico**



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.

Here is a tip from Bill AuCoin of the St Pete club.

“Walt -- It's not a gadget, per se, but I saw this tip on a forum some time ago and now I secure the line on all my rolls of fluoro and mono with hair bands. You need a heavy needle with a big eye to "thread" the line through the band. After that you just pull and snip off the length you need and the rest of the line stays put.”



Pan Grilled Red Snapper w/ Strawberry & Avocado Salsa

4 (6 oz) Florida red snapper fillets
1 ripe Florida avocado, diced
2 cups Florida strawberries, finely chopped
jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped
¼ cup red onion, finely chopped
2 tbsp cilantro, finely chopped
1 tsp fresh lime juice
1½ tbsp fresh lime zest
¼ tsp sugar
1 tbsp olive oil
Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste



Stir jalapeño, avocado, strawberries, onion, cilantro, lime juice, sugar and sea salt together in a bowl. Cover and set aside. Salsa may be made several hours ahead and chilled. When making ahead, add the sugar, salt, and avocado when ready to serve. Preheat the stovetop grill pan over high heat. Pat fillets dry, then brush both sides with the oil; sprinkle with the lime zest, salt, and pepper. Lay fillets on grill pan skin side down and cook 4 to 5 minutes on each side, turning once, until cooked through. Transfer fillets skin side up to individual serving plates. Carefully remove skin; top with avocado-strawberry salsa. **Layne 'Smitty' Smith**

EAT THE CHILDREN (a Proposal) by Robert Fischer

My apologies to Jonathan Swift and his proposal of 1729 about the same subject but my proposal is much more humane and palatable. We should eat the small fish. If you like to eat fish and being at the top of the food chain (most of the time anyway) we should, by nature, be allowed to use those creatures lower on the food chain for our sustenance. Plus the good Lord put many of things on the earth for us to enjoy and eating is one of them. Big fish eat small fish, birds, reptiles, and other mammals eat fish so why shouldn't we? Because my last name is Fischer, it probably also gives me some genealogical preference to eat fish. So we see a logical, Darwinian, geological and maybe even religious justification to eat fish. Eating small fish make good ecological sense too. Leave the larger, stronger and more fertile fish to breed and create new generations for the future. Our marine scientists agree that catch limits on most fish should have top side limits so that the larger breeders cannot be harvested. Most young fish don't survive to old age anyway so why can't we keep a few? Plus in many instances like snook, redfish, trout and dolphin, the larger fish don't taste as good as the smaller ones.

My young daughter was watching me clean fish one day after a successful trip and she asked me if it wasn't cruel and bad for the ecology to kill fish. Explaining to her that eating a few fish didn't hurt the ecology much at all didn't win her over. Then the eureka moment popped into my head. Asking her "What do these fish eat?" She replied smaller fish and shrimp. "Yes" was my reply, "and think of how many small fish and shrimp this fish would eat over the many years of its life. So we are really saving the lives of thousands of fish and shrimp." So, all was well in Fischer household.



Good Winter Fishing on the Horizon

This picture is from last winter on the Cypress flat and reminds us good winter fishing is not too far ahead. Beginning in November, we will start to have low, negative tides in the morning on our flats. The cooler, clear water will offer great sight fishing opportunities. Mark your calendar now for the best low tides all winter and look forward to the great fishing to come.



Newly-retired club member **Denise Bruner** sent this report: “We Fished the Madison River mid-July and caught some nice trout with my friend Debbie. We also fished the Beaverhead below the Dam and caught some really feisty fighting fish here is a picture of a beautiful Rainbow caught there. We used “pogo” rigs on the Beaverhead and used Sculpins and Lightning bugs on the Madison River.”



Capt. Bryon Chamberlin reports: “I got invited by Capt. CA Richardson to participate in a fly episode of Flats Class out of Venice, Louisiana. I caught some very nice redfish and some big black drum. It was a great time and should be a good show. It will air soon on Bally Sports channel and on the internet on www.wayp”



Patty and Bruce Anderson fishing the Fall River in Rocky Mountain National Park



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: Aside from freshwater rivers and ponds, where can you find fish that are fly fishing friendly during a Red Tide event? This is especially important to new arrivals in Florida who may not have many contacts with similar fishing interests. We are fortunate to have many fly fishing clubs. Start by doing a search of your ZIP code for a club near you. Contact them for information and go to their next meeting. The first hour is usually an informal get-together with some members tying flies, a few giving casting instructions and everyone talking fly fishing. After a short business meeting, a guest speaker will present a topic of interest. The following Saturday is usually a fishing trip to local waters where you can join others either wade fishing, using a paddle craft or a flats boat. A lunch break is usually provided, and you will hear about the morning's results. If new to saltwater fly fishing, you will need help with the learning curve, and clubs are the place to get it. Some things you may want to know that they can help you with: if you have suitable fly fishing equipment, how to safely wade fish, the importance of tides, sun protection safety, and casting instructions. Some clubs have over 100 active members. They also will recommend fly shops for equipment, supplies and hand-holding during what will be a continuous and enjoyable learning experience. *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: I hosted a group of friends and clients on my annual destination fly fishing trip to southwest Montana recently. Rusty Chinnis, from Longboat Key, and I traveled from Sarasota to Bozeman and met up with Kirk Grasset, from DE, Nick Delle Donne, from PA and Denton Kent, from VA and made the 2-1/2 hour drive to Medicine Lodge, on a 100,000 acre working ranch near the Beaverhead River, outside of Dillon, MT. We met up there with Mike Perez and Dennis Kinley, from IN, who drove and met us at the lodge.

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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



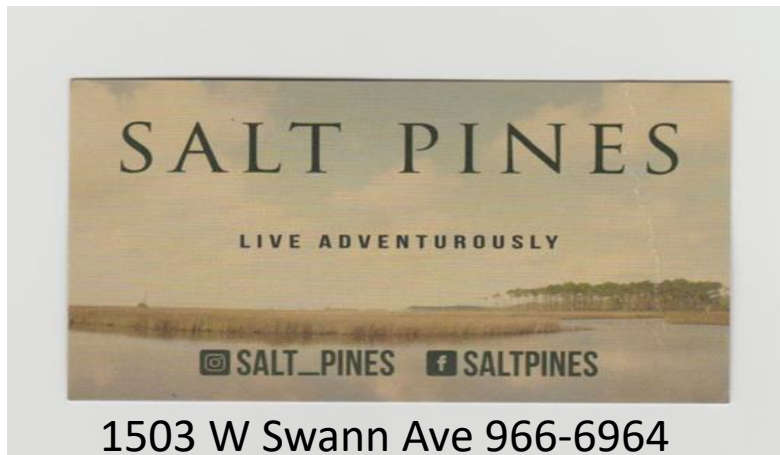
2020/21 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- 80-page Beginner's Basic Skills Instruction Manual
- Annual Banquet

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