



Fall has officially arrived with color out west at least. You can soon travel to Georgia or South Carolina to see great color closer to home! Pictured is Golden Gate State Park in Northern Colorado. Photo by Patty Anderson.



We will not meet in October because our facility is not available and we continue to have concerns with COVID. Please be patient while we work thru these issues. However, we are scheduled for 3 November at Compton Park and plan on a safe meeting at that time. Some COVID restrictions may still be in place though. Hope you all are staying safe and finding time to get out on the water.

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?
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- 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. Fall is officially here with slightly cooler weather. I pulled tide charts for November thru January and we have some good negative low tides to look forward to. I hope to see you on the flats for good sight fishing opportunities in the coming months. The flats around Cypress, the American Legion off Westshore and Weedon Island should all fish great this winter.

Please check out our new club website at TBFFC.org if you have not done so. It's off to a good start and we will add content as we go along.

We will host the Carl Hanson outing on the Hillsborough River on 23 October with the Suncoast Club. I hope to see you there for a friendly competition and to remember Carl.

Now is a good time to think about booking a local guide. Fall fishing will be great and it's fun and safe on the water. Also, good weather with light winds. Check out our fishing reports for the latest tips.

//Walt Durkin 

Quotes for the Month:

"A trout is a moment of beauty known only to those who seek it."

-Arnold Gingrich

"If I'm not going to catch anything, then I'd rather not catch anything on flies"

-Bob Lawless

"We got no troubles, Life is the bubbles, Under the sea..."

-The Little Mermaid

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The BIG GUN SHOOT-OUT

Sunday, November 21 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. Final Big Gun cast is with an 8 weight and standard line. Volunteers also are needed to help set up the course and score contestants.

You can get free tickets on Eventbrite to help us track attendees. Come a little early if you want to help set up. Thanks, //Walt

TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Tom H. Logan, Chairman of the FFI Board Conservation Committee, reports this good news. Thanks to Tom for his hard work.

You may recall that FFI joined our Partners in a letter that was submitted to EPA Administrator Regan on August 9, 2021, urging the agency to honor President Biden's promise to provide Bristol Bay permanent protection from under provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The purpose of the meeting yesterday was to receive an update from EPA Staff regarding the agency's response to our letter.

The staff was clear in stating a number of times that the Administrator has directed Staff to proceed with provision of permanent protection to Bristol Bay under provisions of Section 404C of the CWA. They intend to do this by updating the current Permit Decision concluding with permanent protection. The update has begun with the intent of incorporation "best available science" and other data, consistent with law, so that the final decision will sound, robust and "enduring". This will be a detailed process prescribed in law that includes publication of findings and intent, public review and a final determination.

Clearly, this is good news. That said...FFI will remain engaged in this process with our Conservation Partners

Carl Hanson Outing – 23 Oct

Rotary Riverfront Park

Park in Temple Terrace, Florida
8000 E Fowler Ave, Temple Terrace, FL 33637

This is our usual fresh water outing on the Hillsborough River. Best from a boat, but, you can fish the banks. Come as early as you like and fish until noon. Then meet for drinks and conversation to remember Carl. No lunch this year with COVID. Trophy and bragging rights for the most fish.

Climate Change Effecting Chesapeake Bay

The Chesapeake Bay is home to more than 3,600 species of plants and animals. That includes 348 species of finfish, 173 species of shellfish, and more than 16 species of underwater grasses. But climate change is affecting Chesapeake Bay habitats and the species that rely on them. As habitats change, some species find challenges, while others may see opportunities.



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.

Tournaments – I Don't Like Them, Then I Do

By Robert Fischer

Fishing tournaments have been an important part of the fishing industry for many decades. There are all kinds and sizes; some are multi- month long and involve 20 different species and some are only a few hours and involve one or two species. I've fished many of them over the past few decades and I don't like them much but sometimes I do. Like any type of competition, it can bring out the best or the worst of people and that's what makes it or breaks it for me. Now I know that exaggeration and stretching the truth is an inherent part of most fish stories and that's OK. I've never been one to let the truth stand in the way of a good story! But in a tournament stretching the truth (or down right cheating), aggression, and rudeness is not acceptable. And big prizes or big glory seem to push some folks into doing things that they shouldn't. That's the part I don't like.

The part I do like is the getting together with friends, or meeting new people with similar interests and spending a day on the water with them. And there is always the possibility that if you have a really good day, you could win a prize of some type. The Sarasota CCA All Release Tournament and the Tampa Bay Big Gun are like this. They usually have 15 or 20 people in the fly division and the targets are redfish, trout and snook. I've fished this event for many years now and there are some people from that area that I only see once a year. But we remember each other and it's great to get together with them for FRIENDLY competition and a meal. Sometimes they will even share some of their knowledge after the tournament is over, but don't put a lot of store in that (they could be pulling your leg!)

I also do a couple of invitation only tournaments (Suwannee and Wacasassa) with some guys I've known for 20 years. Those events are nice because there is a lot of trash talking and good natured harassment and lying going on. But we all know each other well, and not much is taken seriously. Plus we each put ten dollars into a pot and it's fun to take their money.

So like most things, it can be good or bad and a lot of it depends on the people involved. I've got to say that the people I've met fly fishing all seem to be of the good variety. So if you get the opportunity to fish some tournaments please do it. It's always another good excuse to get on the water.

Kelly Sobczak reports: Wes and I went on a 10-day rafting trip on the Kongakut River in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (extreme north and east in Alaska). We caught grayling and arctic char - it was sunny one day and we were able to catch grayling on dry flies!



Patty and Bruce Anderson fished the Driftless Area from their cabin in Wisconsin this summer. Here's background for your bucket list: "There's an enchanting geological masterpiece located in the Midwest called the Driftless Area. This unique region, unscathed by ancient glaciers, is characterized by aggressive topography—steep, breathtaking valleys, jagged limestone cliffs, and massive stands of mixed timber. The real treasure of the area lies beneath the ground: Some 600 natural springs feed thousands of miles of clean, frigid streams across the Driftless. It's an ideal landscape for supporting trout, and with that comes a long and strong trout fishing heritage."



Patty and Bruce Andersons' future son-in-law, Jesse, with a sturgeon caught in Canada.



Club member **Leigh West** is starting to find good fishing in the bay as shown.



Club member **Ken Moser** continues his art work at the Florida Aquarium. “This piece is now hanging at the front of the aquarium. Better fishing only a few weeks away.” Ken

I’ll look to join Ken on the Cypress flat this winter when the good fishing starts in November. //Walt



Four of us fished the high maintain lakes along the Snowy Range Scenic Byway , which crosses the Medicine Bow Mountain Range in SW Wyoming. We caught wild brook trout on dry flies on a beautiful day at 10,800 feet.



Interesting instructions on using the bathroom in Rocky Mountain National Park. I would have thought most of this self evident, but, who knows? I guess they added these signs based on experience?



Sit on the toilet during use.



DO NOT stand on the toilet.



DO NOT use the floor. Use the toilet.



Put used toilet paper in the toilet.



DO NOT put trash in the toilet. Use the trash can outside.

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: Successful shallow water fly fishing depends on a variety of factors. Find fish, don't spook them, make a good presentation, and use the proper fly would certainly be high on the list. By changing a few words this can apply to fishing with conventional tackle especially when using artificials. Could you rank them in order of importance? It is obvious that if we can't find fish, our venture will be a failure. A poor presentation may catch a few, making this important. What fly we use is often the primary interest especially of the inexperienced angler. After listening to you talk about a successful trip, the question is always, "Yes, but what fly were you using?" In clear shallow water where the fish can often be seen why do they stop feeding and seem indifferent to our attempts to catch them? Is it possible that scaring the fish might be the most important issue? How many times have you seen feeding snook and redfish in the shallows and never caught one? They will scoot into deeper water to avoid you, or move as you approach, staying outside of casting range. Even if you reach them your attempts will be ignored. Watch a heron catch his next meal; duplicate his patience and stealth and watch your success improve.

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: October is one of my favorite months. It's nice to do something different, so I like to fish the coastal gulf for false albacore, tripletail, cobia and mackerel, when conditions are good. There should also be good action on shallow flats with reds, trout and snook or tarpon of all sizes in upper Charlotte Harbor. Night snook fishing in the ICW heats up as the water cools down. Our natural resources are under constant pressure from red tides fueled by agricultural, industrial and residential runoff, toxic spills and discharges, freezes, increasing fishing pressure and habitat loss and degradation, please limit your kill, don't kill your limit!

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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



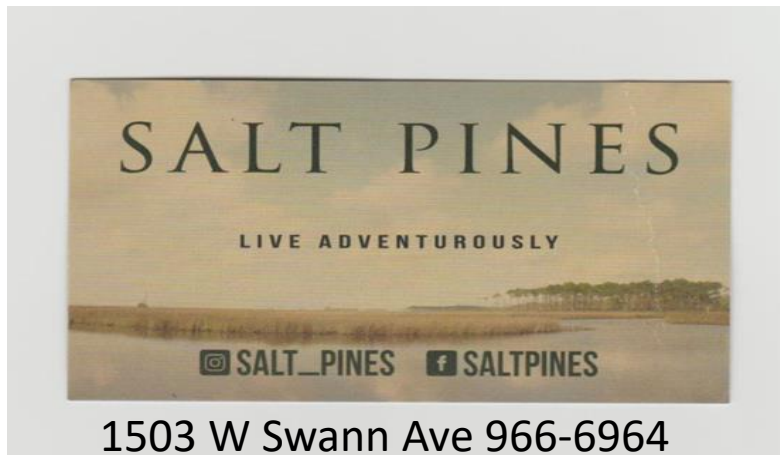
2020/21 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 23 Carl Hanson Outing
- Nov 5-12 Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov 6-7 FFI Expo
- Nov 21 Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Cancelled Florida Sportsman Show
- Dec 10 Play Hooky at the Suncoast Youth Center
- Dec 18 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
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- Annual Banquet

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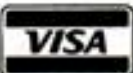


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