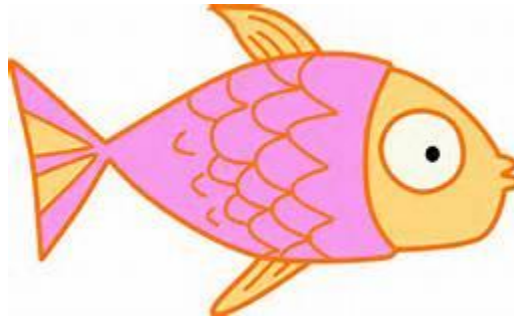




**Next meeting 1 Dec 2021
0630 PM to 0830 PM**

Annual Holiday Party

Please come and join our party to celebrate the holidays with good friends and light food. You may bring an appetizer, salad or desert of your choice and we will provide beverages. 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 whose 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.

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 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. Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated. Thanks. //Walt

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 staying safe and finding time to fish in our cool weather. Happy Thanksgiving to all as the holiday season gets underway!

Thanks to all the fly tiers who participated in our November meeting. We had a good turnout and saw real artists at work.

Seven club members traveled to the Oconee State Park in South Carolina for our annual trout trip to the Chattooga River. We caught the river and weather in perfect shape and had a great time on the delayed harvest waters. We caught many rainbow, brook and brown trout on the Chattooga and Chauga rivers. These are designated "wild and scenic" and are great fun to fish.

We had another successful Big Gun casting event at Picnic Island on 21 November. Thanks to all who helped organize and set-up the event. This is a fun competition that tests your casting ability. Check out the attached spreadsheet for all the details and congratulations to the winners. Thanks **to Keaton and Tampa Fishing Outfitters** for donating an Echo fly rod and a \$50 gift certificate. Thanks to Ginny and Robert Fischer for scoring and recording our event.

//Walt Durkin 

Quotes for the Month:

I love fishing. You put that line in the water and you don't know what's on the other end. Your imagination is under there. **Robert Altman**

Fly fishermen are born honest, but they get over it. **Ed Zern**

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

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Play Hooky Outing 10 December Suncoast Youth Conservation Center

Address is 6650 Dickman Road Apollo Beach, FL 33572. 11 December from 9:00 AM to 1 PM. Lunch and drinks provided. Gina Russo will host us as usual. We will fish their pond for a few hours and have an overview of the center. This is a salt water pond with wild snook, trout and reds. Bring small clousers or other minnow patterns. //Walt



Don Coleman Outing 16 Dec

Suncoast President Rick Warful invited us to their outing: “I want to let you know that Suncoast Fly Fishers has returned to in-person events and we will be hosting the annual Don Coleman Memorial Tournament and Chili Cook-off on December 16th at Ft. DeSoto Park. We would like to formally invite both the Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers and the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club to join us for this special event. I will send more information as the date approaches. We look forward to seeing you there.”

FFI Vertual Expo was a Success

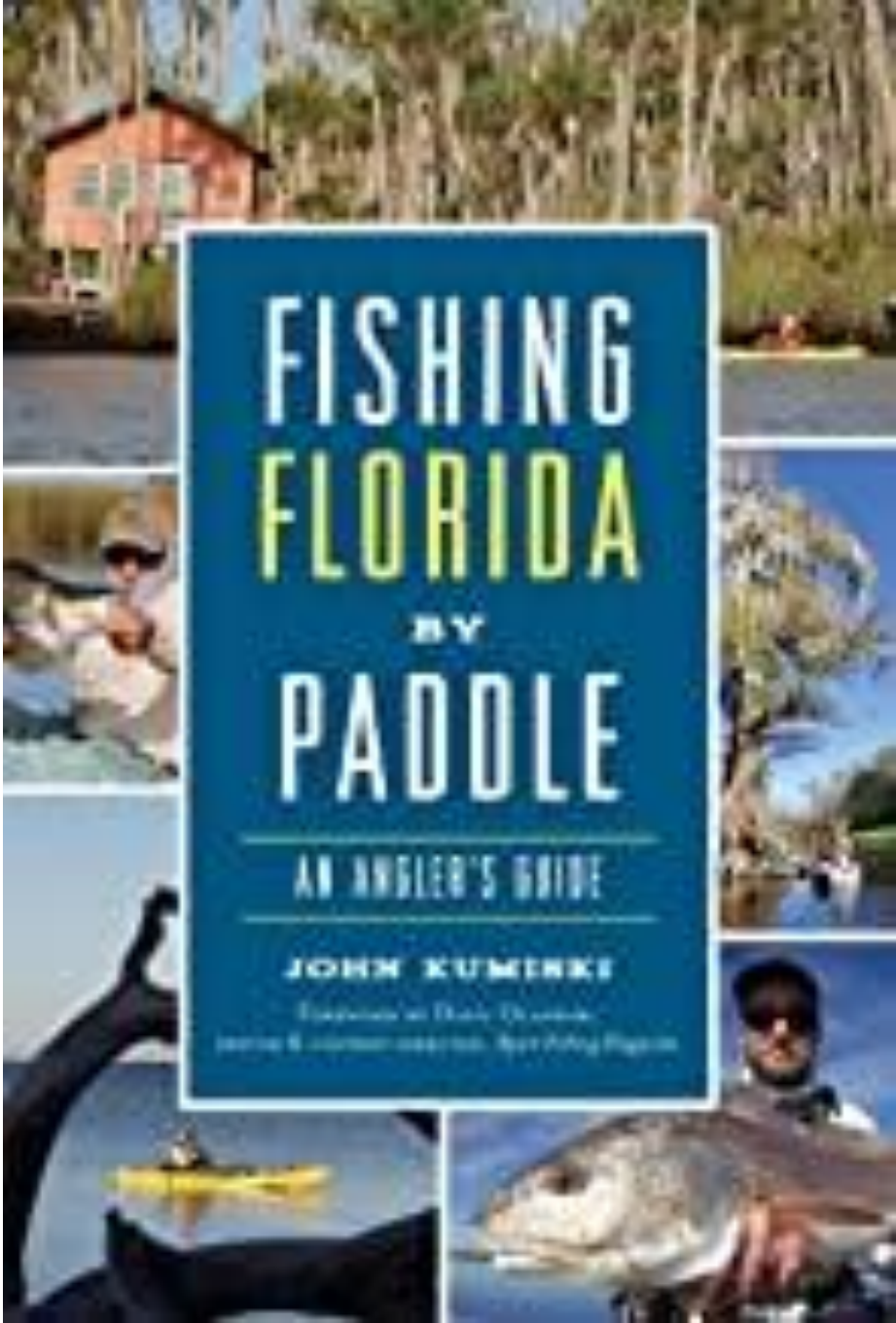
Those at FFI want to extend our sincere thanks to all who attended the Virtual Expo last weekend. The event was an overwhelming success, with almost 600 registered participants enjoying 130 sessions. The Expo was three full days with sessions non-stop for 10-12 hours a day. 80+ presenters and 30+ moderators generously donated their expertise and time and were supported by 14 tech support people including staff, volunteers and consultants.

If you are not a member, I encourage you to check out their website to see how they support fly fishing. //Walt



Club member Nick Colantonio recommends this book by his friend John Kumiski. John has written several great outdoor books about Florida. Check it out!

Whether in the cypress dugouts of the Calusa, Dimock's wood-and-canvas tarpon fishing canoe or modern fiberglass and plastic, humans have been paddle fishing in Florida for thousands of years. Sprinkling colorful history throughout, author John Kumiski highlights the state's best paddle fishing destinations, both freshwater and saltwater, including the bass of Farm 13, the redfish and trout along the Big Bend Paddling Trail and the snook and tarpon of the Everglades. Learn the locales and what to do when you get there, including launch points, shuttles, rentals, tackle, techniques and more.



Club member Ron Cavalier shared this:

“ I have another tip for our fly tying club members.

I purchased what I have shown below from Amazon. The kit comes with tips, small bottles etc. This is by far the best way to apply super glue in tight places without using a brush or getting it all over the place.

What is more important is that when you buy a bottle of thin super glue, you squeeze the contents into one of the bottles that comes in the kit, you place the next tip over the bottle and add the long extender and you are set to go.

No capping the bottle, no more wasted bottles because they become contaminated.

The super glue comes out each time you squeeze the bottle in a tiny drop to be applied where needed.

The tip does not contaminate itself and if it does clog (fur or feathers) you just cut a 1/64th off the tip and you are ready to go again.

For the most part they do not contaminate and the super glue runs back into the bottle when you set it up right when completed.

The great part is it's under \$10.00 for the entire kit (see below) and free shipping if you are a prime member of Amazon.

I have been using the first bottle I bought with the same tip since August and it has not failed me and I tie flies every day.

Ron Cavalier

Hysagtek 320 Pcs CA Glue Micro-Tips Kit, Plastic Squeeze Bottles, Extender Precision Applicator for Hobby, Crafting, Lab Dispensing, Adhesive Dispensers”

CHATTOOGA OUTING

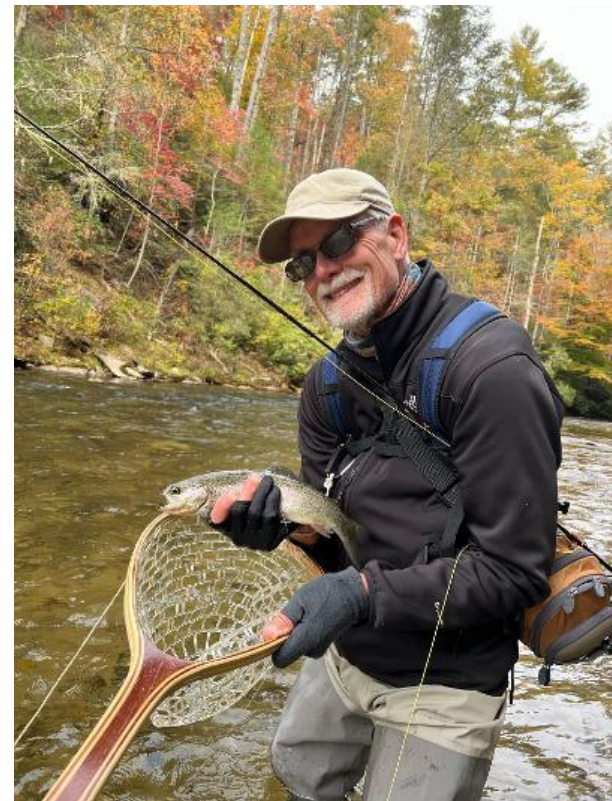
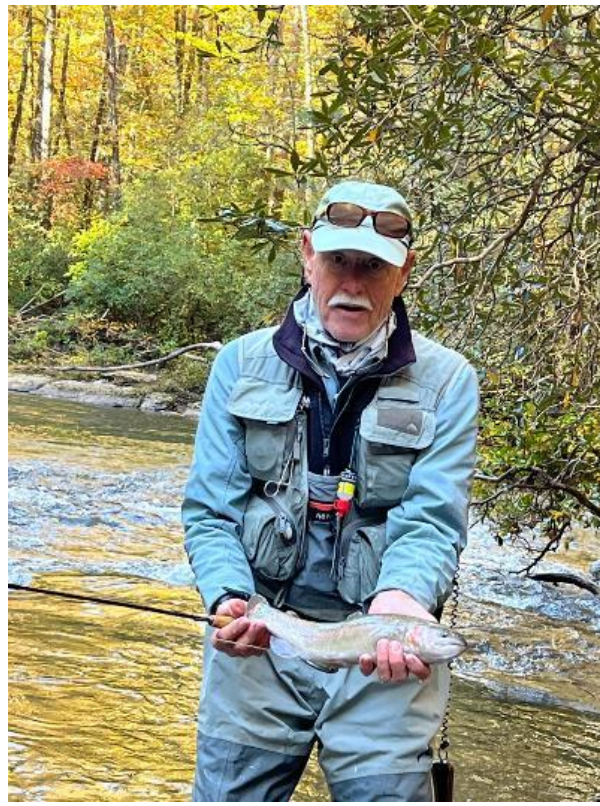
Nov 5-12, 2021

Seven members of the fly club made the trip to Oconee State Park, South Carolina in early November for the Chattooga Annual Trout Outing. This year we stayed in some of the oldest cabins at the park, which were built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The park is beginning to renovate some of the cabins' kitchens and baths while adding some updated furniture and cookware, including new comfortable beds! We were fortunate to have one of the updated cabins. Most of our members are excited about these changes, while a few holdouts like the rustic primitiveness of the original build. There was no cell service or internet access in these older cabins, so very primitive by electronic standards. However, this left more time for camaraderie and friendship as we spent the evenings sharing delicious meals, good conversation and great stories.

We fished various areas of the Chattooga and Chauga Rivers and had great success catching decent size rainbows, browns and even brookies! The rivers had been stocked the week before with fairly large rainbows and they were fun to catch and release, as this is delayed harvest time. Those fish will stay in the river and grow fatter but wiser thru the winter until trout season opens again May 15th. This area is a year round fishery and a day's drive from the Tampa area which makes for a great trip anytime to get out and use our freshwater fly fishing gear and skills. Put it on your list of places to go in 2022! Patty Anderson

Photos on the next three pages.





The BIG GUN SHOOT-OUT

Sunday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Picnic Island Park, Tampa (Shelter #611)

Men's Individual Winner: Eric Davis Total 460 Long Distance Winner Dave Olsen 112 ft.

Ladies Ind. Winner: Patty Anderson Total 215

Team Winner: White's Tackle Total 1155
Rick Warfel 285
David Olsen 410
Eric Davis 460





Big Gun Winners

Eric Davis (left)
Individual champ
Dave Olsen (below)
Long cast champ
Patty Anderson
Women's champ
Rick Warfel,
Dave and Eric
Team champs



Special thanks to **Tampa Fishing Outfitters** for donating an Echo fly rod and \$50 gift certificate.



2021 TROPHY WINNERS IN GREEN				TBFFC	BIG	GUN	SHOOT-OUT 2021		
TEAM	Rank	Competitor Team Name	Distance	Accuracy	Hanson	Hoop	V-Fish	Mangrove	Total**
	1	James Davis Tailing Loops	70	80	20	60	60	40	330
	1	Tim Elms Tailing Loops	72	85	0	28	40	40	265
	1	Quin Berry Tailing Loops	71	85	10	60	40	20	286
	1	TEAM TOTAL Tailing Loops							881
	2	Thanh Le Bushwackers	89	65	0	64	40	40	298
	2	Luis Curiel Bushwackers	86	60	0	48	40	40	274
	2	Anthony Richie Bushwackers	90	60	0	60	40	60	310
	2	Bushwackers							882
	3	Rick Warfel White's Tackle	71	60	10	64	40	40	285
	3	David Olsen White's Tackle	100	80	10	100	40	80	410
	3	Eric Davis White's Tackle	100	100	0	100	80	80	460
	3	TEAM TOTAL White's Tackle							1155
	4	Denise Bruner Green Flash	81	25	0	0	40	20	166
	4	Patty Anderson Green Flash	70	65	20	0	40	20	215
	4	Jonas Magnusson Green Flash	82	60	0	80	40	40	302
	4	TEAM TOTAL Green Flash							683
	5	Ted Hagaman Long Cast	79	40	0	32	40	20	211
	5	Walt Durkin Long Cast	80	80	10	32	40	40	282
	5	Elie Safair Long Cast	70	45	10	0	40	20	185
	5	TEAM TOTAL Long Cast							678

Jim Adams sent a picture of with a red taken just north of Chas River. Leigh West caught a red with multiple spots in Tampa Bay.



Keaton Anderson and Kris Smith fished for musky in Tennessee in mid-November and caught a couple of good ones. Visit Keaton and Kris at **Tampa Fishing Outfitters** in their Fly Shop.



Club member **Tim Leto** sent this report:

“I caught this in Key Biscayne with Capt. Joe Gonzalez, Nov. 7, 2021 . I caught two on fly and my 10 yr old son and my wife caught 3 on shrimp.”

Good job Tim! Biscayne Bay is a great place for big bonefish and Joe is a super guide. Only a short drive away and I encourage club members to check it out.





Club member **Rick Happle** fished in Louisiana with **Capt. Greg Arnold** and got some nice reds. Rick is an Investment Advisor Representative for JaffeTilchin Wealth Management and a new corporate sponsor. Reach him at 813-964-4217.



Club member Kelly Sobczak

reports: Wes and Kelly fished for redfish out of Hopedale LA. Kelly caught one black drum (Capt Branden Keck holding the slimy fish) and we each caught quite a few amazing redfish.



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: Shallow-water fishing for trout, reds, and snook continues to accelerate as water becomes cooler. Frequent late-afternoon thunderstorms are diminishing and evening fishing opportunities will become more attractive. The last couple of hours of sunlight have been productive. As long as the water is moving, fish will be active. To become one of the 10 percent that catches 90 percent of the fish, use a fishing log, where information for each trip is cataloged. I use a composition book. Water temperature and clarity, tide information, wind direction and speed, location of feeding birds, either diving or wading, and successful baits or flies used will give you a good start on choosing your fishing location as well as tactics. Avoid fishing the same spot where you once had a great day. Information collected from previous years for today's conditions will eliminate a lot of guesswork. Mullet schools have been good locators of redfish and large trout. As weeds and grass diminish, topwater lures and poppers for your fly rod have provided explosive strikes. Reds, because of their low-slung mouth, have difficulty eating surface presentations, so delay setting the hook until you feel the fish. This takes concentration and discipline. Keep your rod tip low and close to the water to feel fish hit and to set up your next cast more effectively. Eliminate slack and have a straight line or fly line between you and the fish.

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: After a hiatus from the trip due to COVID restrictions last year, I hosted a group of friends and clients at Mars Bay Bonefish Lodge in South Andros. We waded vast sand flats and also fished from flats skiffs for everything from large cruising or tailing single and double bonefish to large schools of fish. Conditions were tough on a couple of days with wind and rain but action was fairly good on those days. There were also a couple of slower days but overall actions was good and included a few bonefish in the 4 to 6-pound class and a couple of double digit fish. Top producing flies during the week were Peterson's Spawning Shrimp, Mars Bay Special, Ververka's Mantis Shrimp, Gotchas and Gotcha variations. Overall it was a great trip to a great 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



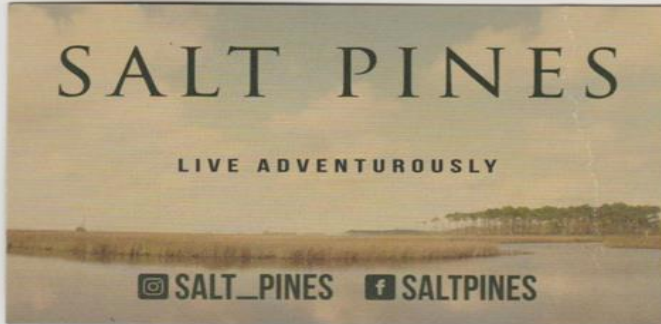
2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 16 Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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- Group Clinics and Workshops
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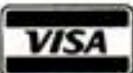
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