



The Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club will meet again Wednesday, 6 April at Compton Park in New Tampa from 6 till 8 pm. Directions are on the top of page 2.

## Captain Dustin Pack Justin Tramble



Capt. Dustin Pack was born and raised in Florida. He is a fly and light tackle guide in the Tampa Bay area. Dustin also serves on the Board of Directors for Tampa Bay Waterkeeper (TBWK). Justin Tremble is the executive director for the TBWKs. Waterkeeper, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, a movement founded by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. that empowers individuals and communities to protect and improve their local watersheds. Today there are more than 300 Waterkeeper organizations on six continents. Our two guests will talk about their work to preserve our Tampa waters with this great organization

Club member Dale Garcia will be one of our guest fly tiers.

**Directions to Our Meetings (6:30 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

Thanks to members who participated in our Trash and Treasures meeting last month. We had many interesting items, spirited bidding and lots of fun. Thanks to Ted for auctioning the items, which brought in more than \$800. **We will give away a guide trip in April using some of these funds.**

We have a **kayak outing scheduled for Tuesday, 5 April.** Find details on page 4.

I have club fly boxes and flies for new members this year. Please identify yourself at the next meeting for your free gift. We will also have our new club shirts for sale on a first come basis at \$30. New club fly boxes are also available for \$10.

Patty Anderson and Denise Bruner will become our new club treasurers starting next month. Many thanks to Rick Valeri who served in that role for over 20 years.

If you know of a prospective guest speakers please let us know. We are always on the hunt for interesting and informative talks.

//Walt Durkin 

## Quotes for the Month:

“The angling fever is a very real disease and can only be cured by the application of cold water and fresh, untainted air.” – Theodore Gordon

“Having a fishing rod in your hand is merely an excuse to explore out-of-sight depths and reveal mysteries that previously only existed in dreams.” – Fennel Hudson

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## TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

### Trash and Treasures Meeting

Our meeting was a success and we look forward to trying it again next year. It is a good way to exchange fishing items and raise money for the club. We will award guide trips at the next few meeting to lucky winners. Thanks to all who donated and bought items.

### Kayak Outing 5 April

We will meet at 0900 hours at the Suncoast Youth Conservation Center (6650 Dickman Rd, Apollo Beach, FL 33572). Please plan on bringing drinks and something to eat on the water. The center will provide kayaks and other equipment. You may fly fish along the way or just enjoy the kayaking. We will probably be on the water about 4 hours. Thanks to **Gina Russo of the Florida Fish and Wildlife** for setting up this opportunity.

### FFI Board Conservation Committee News

Tom Logan reports FFI and our Conservation Partners have provided information and recommendations to the Secretary of the USDOT regarding the implementation of a "Wildlife Crossing Safety Pilot Program" (Pilot Program). The Pilot Program is called for by the "Wildlife Crossing Grant Program" that was created in the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

### Fly Fishers International Fly Tying

FFI is offering fly tying on line in February and March. Check it out at this website:  
<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/FFI-Online>  
FFI supports our sport and I encourage you to check out a membership.

### Fly Casting Coaches

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#### St Petersburg

Capt. Pat Damico.....727-504-8649



## TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

### Book Review

#### Mile Marker Zero by William McKeen

I have been re-reading some books and finished this one again recently. I enjoyed it the second time as much as the first. I recommend it for any Florida fly fisherman as an interesting narrative about Key West as well as fishing. Mr. McKeen did a first rate job with his description of the Key West scene and its characters based on many interviews. He goes into great detail about the artists, writers and fisherman who played and worked in Key West in the 1960's and 1970's. Names you might know include Earnest Hemmingway, Tom McGuane, Guy de la Valdene, Russel Chatham, Tennessee Williams and Hunter S. Thompson. These folks led wild and interesting lives and their time in Key West reflected a unique counter-culture in American history. McGuane wrote and filmed a movie of his book *92 In the Shade* while there and Valdane filmed the cult movie *Tarpon*. This movie, which we have shown at the club, has spectacular scenes of tarpon fishing in the 1960's. This book is available on line at the library if you want to check it out. //Walt

#### Fly Testing at our April Meeting

Smitty will bring his underwater fly tester to the next meeting. Bring a fly or two and check out how they look swimming in Smitty's glass box. Flies look quite different wet than dry and, of course, fish only see them when wet. Please join in the fun of this experiment.

#### News Channel 8 Outdoor Expo and Boat Show

**April 8 12:00 pm - April 10 5:00 pm**

News Channel 8 has teamed up with Armature Works to bring the 31st Annual News Channel 8 Outdoors Expo and Boat Show to downtown Tampa. The show will span over three days, with admission free to all, and raffle giveaways all weekend!

**April 8 @ 12:00 pm - April 10 @ 5:00 pm**

#### Project Healing Waters

Club member Joe Perez reports they will meet at **Tampa Fishing Outfitters** on 11 April from 6 to 8 PM.



# Fly Fishing Tip of the Month

by Jonas Magnusson

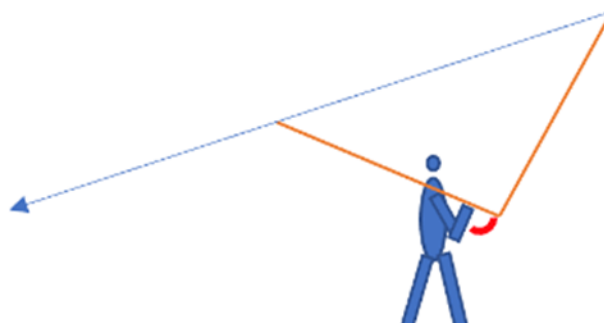
Fly casting tip #3

The Mars tip considered what happens if there was too much bending (radial movement) of the wrist (abduction) in the **horizontal** plane. So, it's logical to consider what happens when we over-abduct the wrist in the **vertical** plane. The angle between the underarm and the rod then becomes, say 90 degrees. Beginners and intermediate casters do this frequently on their back-casts. This will send the line careening down behind the caster, and thus it will be traveling in a great big arc in the vertical plane. When the wrist bending (radial movement - abduction) is kept minimal the rod is stopped just past vertical, the caster will have a much straighter line behind and now has consequently the foundation to a good forward cast.

wrist bent too much



firm wrist stops rod





## Product Feature

Need new fly tying tools? Check these out on Amazon for \$23.50 and free shipping for Prime members. VAKY Premium Fly Tying Tool Kit, Fly Tying Threader with Half Hitch| Micro Tip Scissors| Hackle Pliers| Rotary Whip Finisher| Bodkin Dubbing Needle| Ceramic Bobbin



## Little Neck Clams on the Grill

Here is a recipe from WBUR, a non-profit organization. It is a simple, tasty dish made quickly on your grill. Wrap littleneck or cherrystone clams in a large piece of foil and top with chopped tomatoes, garlic, scallions and a touch of olive oil; season with pepper. You can also add chunks of spicy chorizo sausage and we sometimes add mushrooms. Seal the packet and place on a hot grill for 6-8 minutes. The clams should just be open and the juices sizzling. If the clams have not opened, carefully reseal the packets and grill for another 2 to 3 minutes. The clams release their briny liquid and mix with the aromatics and olive oil to create an instant sauce. You can serve everyone their own clam packet along with grilled French bread or serve the clams on top of pasta.

See their website for full details: <https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2021/06/30/grill-chicken-clams-peaches-gunst>



## Boy Scouts Fly Fish

Grab your fly fishing gear and join us for the Greater TAMPA BAY area Councils 1st annual fly fishing tournament. Proceeds will go towards youth in our communities, assisting them to become a part of the scouting program.

### Event Schedule:

5/12/2022 - Mullet's Fish Camp, 6pm Angler Meeting. ALL materials and gifts will be passed out at this meeting. Please have 1 representative present for your team. We will also have a zoom link for those who cannot attend, if you plan on zoom, please contact [Katie.sheffield@scouting.org](mailto:Katie.sheffield@scouting.org) for the link.

5/13/2022 - Day 1 - 6am-sunset

5/14/2022 - Day 2- 6am-3pm

5/14/2022 - 5pm, Awards Dinner @ Mullet's Fish Camp and Market, St. Petersburg

You may fish on land or by boat. This two day event, photo submission format will make it possible for all fisherman to participate. Limited to 120 anglers! 18 and under are FREE!



**Come Cast With Us!**



### GTBAC Fly Fishing Tournament

Grab your fly fishing gear and join us for the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fly Fishing Tournament. Proceeds will go towards youth in our communities, assisting them to become a part of the scouting program.

**Event Schedule:**

5/12/2022	Angler Meeting, Via Zoom   7:00 PM
5/13/2022	Day 1   6:00 AM - Sunset
5/14/2022	Day 2   6:00 AM - 3:00 PM Awards Dinner at Mullet's Fish House, St. Pete   5:00 PM

You may fish on land or by boat. A photo submission format will make it possible for all fisherman to participate.



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**  
**\$2,000**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**  
**\$1,000**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**  
**\$500**

**Raffle**  
Tibor 7-8 WT reel and matching rod. Raffle tickets sold at event.

**Side Contest**  
Largest Speckled Trout caught on Clouser fly wins a fly rod and reel.

### Info & Registration

<https://3nyurl.com/flyfishing2022>  
or scan



The Greater Tampa Bay Area Council is one of the local councils in western Florida chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. The Council encompasses nine counties and serves more than 15,000 youth in 189 Cub Scout packs, 192 Scouts BSA, 36 Venturing Crews, 5 Sea Scout Ships, and 26 Pathfinder Units. The GTBAC also maintains six camp properties. To learn more, please visit [tampabayscouting.org](http://tampabayscouting.org).



**Practical Hints on Fishing  
for Trout  
Hardy Brothers Magazine  
1888**

Here is the first page from an article written over 120 years ago. I thought it was an accurate description of why we fly fish and holds true today. It applies not only to trout fishing, but also to saltwater flats fishing. I had to make one little edit at the end.



## **PRACTICAL HINTS ON FLY FISHING FOR TROUT, ETC.**

Fly-fishing for Trout is perhaps one of the most enjoyable sports practised on the waters of this country, and he who has not been educated to the true enjoyment of it, has suffered a great loss.

In the perfect casting and delivery of the fly, there is the same enjoyment as is experienced by the clever shot or billiard player, who prides himself on the true and perfect working harmony of hand and eye. But this is all the comparison, for besides the pleasure of perfect casting and eager expectation, there is all the excitement of stalking and ultimate capture, while the great uncertainty of the latter, adds not a little to the charm. Then if we take into consideration, that the angler is necessarily something of an entomologist and a naturalist in general, we may fearlessly say, that angling is perhaps the most truly enjoyable sport a ~~man~~ person can indulge in.

**Club member David Eddy reports:** “Covid put a crimp in my fly fishing, but I did manage a fly fishing trip to South Louisiana that accomplished one of my long-time goals - catching a big, bull redfish on a fly. I went out with Ron at [Marsh Dawn](#) and he really knew where to find the fish. It was my first exposure to sight-fishing and I was fortunate to overcome inexperience and land this red. A long fight I'll long remember.” Good job David!





## Winter Fishing in Colorado

My wife Lou and I spent three weeks in Colorado in March to get winter weather. On a couple of mild days we visited Rocky Mountain National Park and got in some trout fishing on the Big Thompson river as it flows into Lake Estes. We caught rainbows and tiger trout. Tiger trout are fairly rare hybrids between a brook and brown trout. Tiger trout are aggressive, and although they have similar diets to other trout species when they're small, most switch to a diet of baitfish once they grow larger. Because of this, they can get fairly large. My two tiger trout were little guys and they hit a green wooly bugger. Lou caught her rainbows on a Tenkara outfit and a size 18 midge.





Big Thompson river in Rocky Mountain National Park, mid-March at 9,500 feet.





## Ozello Snook

We (Ted Hagaman, Robert Fischer, Bruce Anderson and myself) took two small boats to Ozello on a Friday in mid-March to try our luck. Ozello is about 1 ½ hours north between Homosassa and Crystal River. This area has beautiful clear water, mangrove islands, oyster bars and good tidal movement. The bottom holds a variety of sea grasses and plants. This great habitat is home to good numbers of game fish for sight fishing. Club member Robert Fischer caught his personal best 38" snook on a Zara Spook. We found a few reds to follow our flies, but no luck with those often spooky fish. Ozello is perfect water to explore using a kayak or paddleboard and is reminiscent of the Everglades back-country. Grab lunch at Pecks, an old fashioned bar and grill near the boat ramp.

P.S. we donned life jackets that morning to keep warm till the sun came up.



**Club member Denise Bruner** with a bruiser red (on right) caught at Cypress in early March. And, club member **Jerry Kells** with a more modest red, also at cypress. Jerry has put in his time on the Cypress flat and getting the hang of those tricky reds.





## Trolling Motor for Sale

Motor Guide W75 Remote Control Trolling Motor;  
24 volt, 48" shaft; very good condition. \$350.

**Call Robert Fischer 813-495-5685**



## Fishing Report and Forecast

### “What a great time to go fishing!”

**Captain Pat Damico reports:** “Make the best of difficult fly fishing conditions!”

“Minimum wind and cloudless skies elevate a fly fisher's chance for a good day when fishing our west coast. Current windy conditions make casting more difficult, unless very experienced, and clouds interfere with sight casting opportunities because fish aren't visible in the shallows where we do most of our fly fishing. Dirty water and rough boating conditions add to the difficulty. We are fortunate in having many rivers that empty into Tampa Bay as well as the Gulf. A boat or paddle craft is necessary to allow mobility as well as safety. Rivers get narrower as you head upstream and offer wind protection from tree-covered banks. Most fish we are interested in will be structure-oriented. Your casting now will be to fallen trees, undercut banks, points of land, sandbars, mouths of small creeks, and tree cover close to the water surface. Any interruption in normal shorelines should be investigated with probing accurate casts. Outgoing tides are generally preferred especially where baitfish are forced out of small creeks and can locate in adjacent deeper water. Moving water is very important to success. Equipment is similar to fishing the flats. An 8-weight rod rigged with a floating weight forward line would be the first choice rigged with a popper or shallow running baitfish imitation that duplicates available forage in size and color. Baby tarpon, snook, jacks, and redfish will be the primary targets. Another 9-weight rod with a clear sink tip and weighted fly will really cover deeper water where larger fish often lurk. If snook and baby tarpon are targeted, include a 30-pound hard monofilament shock tippet to prevent break-offs.”

*Fly fisherman Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at [captpatdamico.com](http://captpatdamico.com) and 727-504-8649.*



**Capt Rick Grasset reports:** Look for reds, snook and larger trout in shallow water. Fishing deep grass flats of Sarasota Bay is a usually a good choice for action with a variety of species including trout, pompano, Spanish mackerel and more. Snook at night around dock lights in the ICW is also a good option depending on conditions. Our natural resources are under constant pressure from red tides fueled by industrial, agricultural 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! Snook Fin-Addict Guide Service, Inc.; E-mail [snookfin@aol.com](mailto:snookfin@aol.com); (941) 923-7799



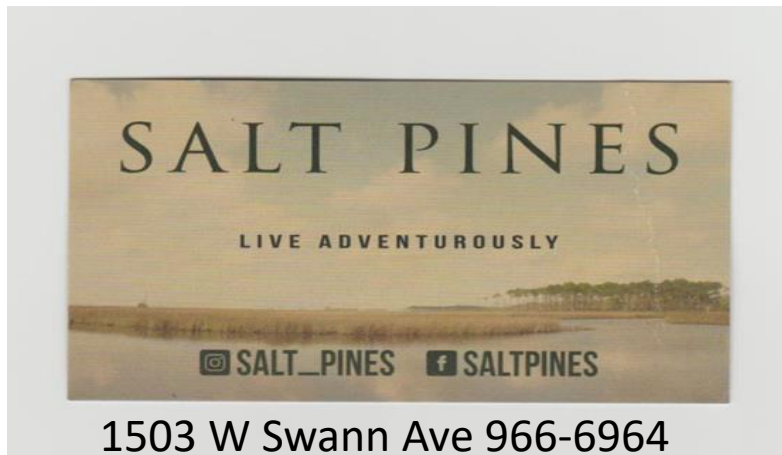
## 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 8 Casting Clinic
- Jan 15 Red Fly Tournament
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Kayak trip Suncoast Center
- April 8-10 News Channel 8 Outdoor Show
- June Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct (virtual) Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct Carl Hanson Outing
- Nov Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Cancelled Florida Sportsman Show
- Dec 9 Play Hooky at the Suncoast  
Youth Center
- Dec Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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- 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
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Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club

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Please Check: One Year \_\_\_\_\_ Five Year \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names you wish to include in family membership

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