



## New Meeting Place and Day

Northdale Recreation Center  
15550 Spring Pine Dr, Tampa, FL  
from 0630 to 0830 on **Tuesday, 7 May**

Join us as we transition to a new meeting place in North Tampa. **Please note we will meet in the Game Room** this time instead of the large room.



**Captain Bryon Chamberlin** will talk about tarpon fishing off our shoreline. Nothing is more exciting than jumping a big tarpon on a tiny fly. Bryon has refined the art of tarpon fly fishing and will share tips and photos with us.

Bryon is a member and good friend of our club and we are fortunate to have him available during the busy tarpon season. Please join us for an interesting and informative presentation. //Walt

**Directions to Our Meetings (6:30 pm): Take Dale Mabry north past Ehrlich Road and then left on Northdale Blvd. Then left on Spring Pine Drive and straight to the center on the right.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Join us at the Northdale Rec Center as we transition to our new meeting place. This center is a little more centrally located and we hope to hold and increase attendance. It's a big room with an attached kitchen and areas outside to practice casting. We will meet from 0630 to 0830 pm on the first Tuesday of each month from June onwards.

Arrive an hour early to practice casting with our senior instructor Jonas. We will also bring our hula hoops to practice accuracy casting. The hoops are one of the events at our annual Big Gun casting test.

Thanks to our tyers last month, Dale and Smitty. Also thanks to Bill Murdich who sent us nine great flies to give away at the meeting. We are fortunate to have many expert and generous tyers. Smitty will also bring his in-water fly tester, so bring your favorite fly to test out.

I traveled quite a bit in May and have included photos and fishing reports. I hope you enjoy them. We are having trouble scheduling our Lake Calm outing. Please be patient this summer.

Women's Fly Fishing Month and World Fly Fishing day kind of snuck up on us this year. We will try to plan something for these events next year. We are fortunate to have several avid women fly fishers in our club

//Walt Durkin 

## **Quotes for the Month:**

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains."  
Thoreau

"Calling Fly Fishing a hobby is like calling Brain Surgery a job." -Paul Schullery

"A wise man told me once, 'It's not how many fish you catch, it's where the fly-fishing takes you in life.'" -Michael L. Yelton

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## TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

This year's World Fly Fishing Day is planned for June 25, 2022. It is a worldwide initiative to promote the sport in which we all participate. The Italian School of Fly Fishing, the Game Angling Instructors Association and Fly Fish USA invite everyone to join forces in celebrating fly fishing around the world.

World Fly Fishing Day allows fly fishing enthusiasts to highlight their unique sport. The event organizers want participants to be creative and produce their ideas to raise awareness of fly fishing. They hope the day will be viewed as a worldwide Festival of Fly Fishing.

This comes from On the Fly South, a free on-line magazine. Check it out at:  
<https://ontheflysouth.com/june-newsletter>



## Bill Murdich Flies at Last Meeting

Bill is an expert and generous tyer. His Murdich Minnow is world famous.





**We sadly note the passing of Lance Pocock** longtime friend, expert fisherman and Founding CCA Tampa Chapter member. His good friend Matt Campbell writes: "As many of you know, Lance, along with Captain Richard Seward and Larry Hart were some of the founding fathers of the Tampa CCA Chapter. Lance was always passionate about CCA and its impact on the coastal fishery, and dedicated considerable time and effort to assisting the Tampa Chapter. Lance is survived by his son Jayson and daughter Denise".

Lance was also a long time member of the TBFFC. He is remembered as a loyal, kind friend and for his love of fishing. He helped at many club outings and especially at our annual banquet and holiday party. Lance always prepared the hush puppies at our fish fry with his good friend Robert Fischer. We will miss and remember him.



# Fly Casting Tip of the Month

by Jonas Magnusson

Fly casting tip 5

If there are any questions my email is [jonasmagn@gmail.com](mailto:jonasmagn@gmail.com). If you want some issues covered just let me know and I will have a go at it. I have a website – [everyjonahhasawhale.com](http://everyjonahhasawhale.com) - to which I refer in the text when appropriate.

## Two common errors casting sinking lines

Beginners usually commit two errors when they cast and rig sinking lines.

**The line.** Casting a sinking - as we cast a floating line doesn't work very well. Cast a sinking line straight back it will stop and bounce creating slack. Because of the kick, slack compounds and control is lost. The heavy fly usually cast in tandem with a sinker is waiting for its opportunity to strike the back of the caster's skull – ears are a good target too. So, false casting should be minimized and can be downright dangerous.

**The leader.** The butt of the leader anglers use is frequently way too thin, so the transfer of energy from line to leader will be suboptimal creating more bounce and slack. To use a suboptimal leader is an unforced error. Sometimes your casting abilities are evolving but the effort of tying on a suboptimal leader is the same as tying on an optimal one. So, pay attention to your leader's butt diameter.

<https://everyjonahhasawhale.com/blog/your-butt-is-too-small/>

## How to cast a sinking line?

Forget nice sharp loops these lines can't be controlled that way. Open your loop to minimize the kick. Make one back cast and then briefly lay the line down in front of you. Pick up that line and make another back cast, slipping line to get the line's head out of the tip-top, then shoot the front cast. No false casting is required. Lay down every front cast once the head is out of the tip-top and shoot the next. This is much safer and easier to do than trying to false cast a with a dense head and a big heavy fly.

As you retrieve your line and get ready for the next cast, the line is now in the water, not on the water as the floater is. It is not possible to go into a backcast with the line sunken. Make a roll cast or two and get the line to the surface. Once there we can make our usual pick-up.

Remember to pinch down the barb for your own sake if not for the fish's, just in case.

<https://everyjonahasawhale.com/blog/casting-sinking-lines/>

P.S. Jonas will arrive at our meeting one hour early to offer casting instruction to club members. We will also set up our Big Gun accuracy test for you to try just for fun. Please take advantage of this opportunity. //Walt

## June is Women's Fly Fishing Month

“Fly fishing has given me a greater understanding and acceptance of who I am, what I value, and what truly brings joy to my life. It has given me the opportunity to finally return to that feeling I longed for as a little girl on the brook and to embrace every journey despite how difficult it may be.”

Join us all month as we celebrate women fly fishers, beginning June 1 at 8:00 pm ET with a screening of “Cadence” and discussion with Emily Rodger.

Elite cyclist, Emily Rodger, came out of left field to become a circuit contender. Then, in 2013 while training in Arizona, she was struck by a car and suffered severe facial and head injuries. Her life and career hung in the balance. Through years of surgeries and medical care, she rediscovered fly fishing as a way to cope with PTSD. Emily would go on to win world championships until a second race-course collision again brought her to think deeply about purpose. The bicycle was an instrument of empowerment; the fly rod a way to peace.

Now, wherever Emily is invited around the world to fly fish, she regularly meets people struggling with their own major life challenges. "Cadence" traces Emily's path from the intensity of the world cycling circuit to a new equilibrium in life. (source: Hemmings Films) (Fly Fishers International ([info@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:info@flyfishersinternational.org)))



## Marathon Florida Trip, Early May

Four couples traveled to Marathon in the Florida Keys for a week of relaxation and fishing. We rented a four bedroom, four bath house in the Coco Plum development. The house was very comfortable and came with a swimming pool and long dock for our boats. We brought two flats boats and one 24 foot catamaran for off-shore fishing.

The weather was a little windy the first couple of days, so we fished from the small boats inshore looking for bonefish or snapper. We found a few bonefish, but did not get them to eat. The other boat had better luck with snapper and brought a nice catch home for dinner. After the wind let up, we took the cat offshore and had pretty good luck trolling for Mahi Mahi on the weed lines. Those fish also returned home, were cleaned, vacuum packed and frozen. Ted and I fished for bonefish most of the week, but it was tough. Most other folks inshore were tarpon fishing, which is what we probably should have done. No bones for the week and we did have a few good shots at tarpon, but brought none to the boat.

We also drove into Key West the second day to sightsee and have lunch. We spotted a bunch of tarpon milling around a cleaning dock and got a picture. We walked by Jimmy Buffett's recording studio, but did not see him. Robert wanted to stop by Sloppy Joes for lunch and we got two tables by the band stand. A Kenny Chesney-style guy started playing and soon asked for requests. My wife and I asked for American Pie by Don McLean and the singer protested that it was too long. He relented after we visited his tip jar and off he went. American Pie is also a good sing-along song and we really got the place hopping for the next nine minutes. He knew all the lyrics and everyone enjoyed it, especially a group of women on a bachelorette party outing next to us.

Photos on the next page show the house from the water, the tarpon, and one of the barracuda we caught. The cuda fishing ended up about the most fun we had for inshore fishing.



Marathon  
photos  
Apr 30 to  
May 6









**Club member Rick Fender sent me this:**

“The Everglades National Park was established on December 6, 1947. I have been fishing the 10,000 Islands part of the park for 43 years. There is one cabin on Huston Bay that has always interested me. I asked a Park Ranger about the cabin several years ago and was told that it was owned by five attorneys who helped obtain the land for the park.

I stopped next to the cabin on a recent trip trying to find some shade. Two boats approached us and said they needed to get access to the cabin. I asked if they were related to the attorneys that owned the cabin. An older man in the group told me he is the owner of the cabin and that there were no attorneys involved with the cabin. He said that there were six cabins in the islands when the park was established and that his cabin was the only one that had a registered deed. The Park Service burned the other five cabins.”



**Club member Bryce reports:** “Had a great trip to Two Boys Inn on Andros Island in the Bahamas. We caught lots of Bones and a nice barracuda. Our guide Bradly was phenomenal he even let us dive for fresh Conch which Melinda prepared for us back at the lodge.” Two Boys is a nice, inexpensive lodge with good guides, lodging and great bone-fishing.





**New club member Don Roberts sent this:** “I had a lesson with Jonas 2 weeks ago and I have been practicing at Lake Carroll. This small bass was my reward the other morning.”

Don is an experienced fisherman and has recently decided to fly fish more. He is off to a good start, joining our club and getting lessons from Jonas. Good Job on that bass Don! //Walt



My wife Lou and I made our annual trip to Gasparilla Island in-mid May with Ted and Kathy. We stayed in a two bedroom condo called Sea Oats located on the north end of the island. The beach here is uncrowded for a mile down to the pass and offers great beach snook fishing. A fairly rough surf made fly fishing difficult, so we resorted to spin fishing most of the week. Snook were also scarce, but we managed about 16. No matter, sunset walks and collecting shells and sharks teeth were loads of fun. Good friends, food and drink also eased our fishing woes. We stopped at the Lighthouse Grill on Stump Pass for lunch on the way down. Good food on the water and you can also feed the dock snook shrimp. They are amazing quick to pop those shrimp. See the pictures on the next page.





## Captain Jeff's Tuna Pizza Appetizer

Ted and Kathy Hagaman shared this dish with us while in Boca Grande in mid-May.

Prepare a spicy white sauce using mayonnaise, Wahhabi, lime Juice; and chill.

Slice green onions and mushrooms to small bite-size pieces. Next, slice fresh, raw tuna into small pieces.

Pan-heat a round tortilla until it is warm. Cover the tortilla evenly with the sauce and add the tuna, onions, and mushrooms to the top. Salt and pepper to taste.

Slice like a pizza and serve. As you can see, we started eating before I took this picture. This is a simple, healthy, tasty dish



## The Lighthouse Grill at Stump Pass

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Hungry snook keep watch at the dock waiting on a free meal. The marina guy gave us a dozen shrimp to feed them!







Banyan trees  
and shells on  
Gasparilla Island





# El Palomero Permit Tournament May 7-11

El Palomero is Punta Allen's only 501c3 charitable event hosted by Punta Allen, for Punta Allen. The purpose of this event is to support town projects that improve the lives of the children and their families. These are the people who make it possible for countless anglers from around the globe to fish Ascensión Bay; the world's most prolific waters for permit, snook, bonefish and tarpon. The event unites the town's fly lodges, guides, restaurants, and community leaders who together with fly anglers and industry sponsors come together to bring awareness to the needs of the families of Punta Allen.

The event's tournament is the only continuation of the first world permit tournament, the Ascensión Bay Permit Tournament. The tournament was founded in 2014 by the Alps fly fishing guide Tiziano Rizzotto, Pascale LeBlanc and Enrico Puglisi. In 2015 the Ascensión Bay Permit Tournament along with Italian metal artist Alberto Coppini, brought the iconic permit sculpture from Milan and placed it prominently in center of Punta Allen; The Permit Capital of the World. The tournament took place annually through 2018 and resumed again in 2022 as El Palomero. In 2023 the tournament will return as a permit only fly-fishing tournament and is expected to once again reunite fly fishing greats Chico Fernandez, Enrico Puglisi, Tim Borski, Joe Ballarini, Alberto Coppini, Alejandro "Sandflea" Vega (2017 & 2018 champion), and to defend his 2022 victory the reigning Palomero; Walt Durkin.

What is a Palomero? The Spanish word for permit is palometa. A palomero is a person dedicated to palometas. In fishing communities it's a title earned by the people who have demonstrated the ability to understand permit so well that they are often guides. Palometeros not only find, catch, and safely release permit, they also know the fish biology, diet, migrations and reproduction. They protect the fish, the fish environment, and attract visiting anglers to their local waters for a chance at landing a permit while introducing the guests to their conservation programs, culture, beliefs and way of living.



Twenty two anglers fished for permit and landed 7 fish over three days. My guide, Alex, found lots of fish and I caught 4 to win the trophy. The permit there seemed to like small crab and shrimp flies. I got three on shrimp patterns and one on a Merkin crab. Lot's of fun with a great group and they raised over \$20k for the Punta Allen village. Fly Fishing Magazine will sponsor the tournament again next year in May.





**Kelly and Wes Sobczak are enjoying retirement:** “Hi Walt - hope you are having a great summer! We went fishing in northern Georgia and caught some beautiful trout. Here's a couple of photos”.





## Trolling Motor For Sale

Club member Robert Fischer is selling this trolling motor. Motor Guide W75 Remote Control Trolling Motor; 24 volt, 48" shaft; very good condition. \$350. Call Robert at 813-495-5685.



## Fishing Report and Forecast

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

**Captain Pat Damico reports:** Our beaches are enjoying an explosive return of snook. The season is closed to protect spawning snook, but careful catch-and-release action is available. An east wind will ensure that beaches have clear, undisturbed water close to shore. Large female snook can be seen frequently surrounded by smaller courting males. Get out early and walk the sand close to areas of good tidal flow. Passes are a magnet, especially if structure is nearby. Good Polaroid glasses and a hat with a dark underside brim make spotting fish easy. Look in the wash close to shore. Cast parallel to the shore, not into deeper water. Enter the water only to gently handle and release fish. White flies in sizes 1 to 1/0 that duplicate available baitfish will work. Lines with clear sinking tips are preferred over floating lines and should be equipped with a 30-pound fluorocarbon leader about 5 feet long. Cast only when fish are sighted; then place the fly close enough to get their attention. Never pull the fly into the fish's face. Baitfish don't attack large predators. A fish angling toward you is the best opportunity. Crimp or file all hook barbs to minimize handling and simplify release.

*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:** In addition to tarpon look for Spanish mackerel, false albacore, cobia and tripletail in the coastal gulf this month. Although none of them may be thick, I've encountered all of them before in June. Keep your eyes open for bird activity or "breaking" fish to find albies and mackerel. Cobia and tripletail may be found around crab trap floats; however I've seen cobia swimming with tarpon schools before. An 8 or 9-weight fly rod with a floating or clear sink tip fly line is adequate to catch everything except a big cobia, in which case your 12-weight tarpon fly tackle will work well.

There are lots of options in inshore waters or the coastal gulf this month. If pulling on a 100-pound tarpon isn't for you, fishing pressure is usually light inshore this month so reds, snook, trout and more will also be good options. 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!

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## 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

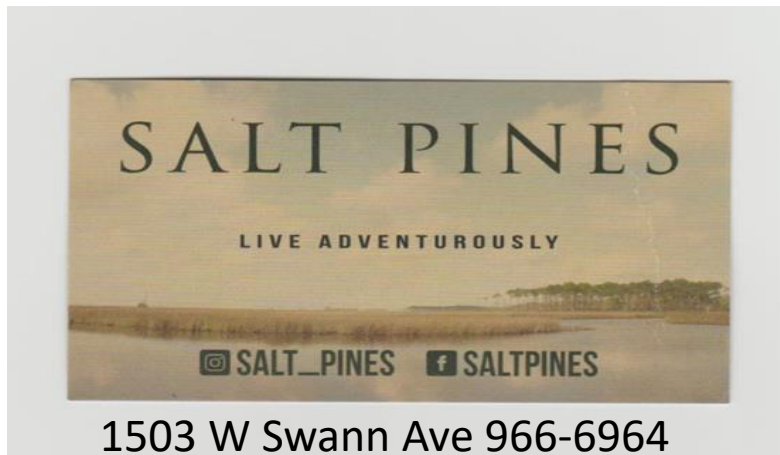
- Jan 8 Casting Clinic
- Jan 15 Red Fly Tournament
- July Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct (virtual) Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct Carl Hanson Outing
- Nov Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Cancelled Florida Sportsman Show
- Dec Play Hooky at the Suncoast  
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- Dec Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto



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