



Our July meeting is cancelled as we celebrate July 4th.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please note we are cancelling our July meeting on the 4th.

I hope you all enjoyed our last Trash and Treasures meeting. Members donated many unusual and interesting items, which we sold via a spirited auction. The club netted \$770, which we will pass back to the members. Thanks to Ted for serving as auctioneer and to all those member who brought and bought items. Many cool items went for very low prices.

I hope you can make it to our Lake Calm outing on 8 July. Almost all fresh water in Florida holds a variety of fish, which will eat a fly. Try small, floating bug-like flies for the best action. We often use sponge body spiders with legs and little gurgler flies also work. You can also fish streamers, but the top water flies are a lot more fun. Find a nearby body of water and check it out!

Remember to stay safe out there and avoid the heat and thunderstorms. Late afternoon fishing on a low tide can be good, weather permitting. Regardless, drink lots of water and stay covered with buffs and gloves.

Experienced members will be available at 5:30 as casting lessons continue thru the summer (except for the 4th). Bring your own rod or we will have one. You can also arrange one-on-one help with a coach. They are listed at the end of our newsletter. Don't miss this opportunity for great expert instruction!

//Walt Durkin 

Fly Fishing Quotes

“Fly-fishing encourages us to dream – of rose-tinted sunsets and lazy spring days when swallows swoop and the hedgerows are blossomed in brilliant white.”
— Fennel Hudson

“...the things we desire or need may kill us. This can be another reason to take a fly rod in hand and enjoy the environment in and around a stream, and for brief periods of time leave behind all the things you cannot change.”
— David Stuver

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

As I mentioned earlier, our **Trash and Treasures** meeting went well and was a lot of fun. I forgot to take pictures and our backup photographer, Denise, was off fishing for trout. This was our second T and T meeting and we will continue it as an annual event. It's a good opportunity for folks to pass on stuff they are not using to other club members. We had rods, reels, fly lines, Aquarium tickets (thanks Ken Moser), pictures, tools, anchors, boat bags, life vests, jewelry, knives and many other things I can't remember. Most items went for low prices with the exception of a few hot items.

Our fall line-up of speakers looks good with Gina Russo presenting in November. Gina is a scientist and Environmental Specialist with the FWC. Gina hosts us for our annual trip to the Suncoast Conservation Center each December. We also have Capt Bryon Chamberlin and Capt Rick Grasset as potential speakers. Bryon is an excellent photographer and will showcase his photos and give tips on taking great outdoor pictures. Rick has guided in the Sarasota area for many years and is a good friend of the club.

And don't forget our annual Big Gun casting event is 19 November at Picnic Island. All are welcome at this informal competition to test your casting skills. We will provide drinks and lunch and we always need a few extra hands to help score. //Walt

Fly Fishers International News

Fly Fishers International (FFI) and Pure Fishing are excited to announce a new partnership that brings Hardy into the fold of industry leaders supporting FFI's fly fishing education and growth initiatives. As one of Pure Fishing's most respected fishing brands, Hardy has long enjoyed a reputation as a premier manufacturer of high-performance fly rods and reels. The partnership was launched on June 1st.

Hardy will provide substantial benefits and discounts to FFI clubs and councils across the country with product support for initiatives that enhance FFI's mission to foster the legacy and future of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. This collaboration signals a renewed and growing involvement within the fly fishing industry recognizing FFI as the leading organization providing teaching and mentorship for fly fishing enthusiasts of all skill levels worldwide.



Lake Calm Outing 8 July

Please join the club for this easy and fun outing on Lake Calm in Odessa. The club will provide lunch and drinks. Bring your canoe or kayak to fly fish this crystal clear lake for bass and pan fish. Any light fly rod will work with a 8 pound leader. I will bring my Ghennoe and have room for two new people to show them the ropes. We will open the gates at 6:30 AM, fish till about 11:30 AM and finish with lunch. Take the Veterans north to the Van Dyke road exit, turn left and go to Gunn Hwy. Turn right and watch for Bonnie Cove Lane on your left after about one mile. Turn left on Bonnie Cove and go straight to the property and thru the gate. **Address is 8609 Bonnie Cove Lane, Odessa, FL**



Craft Fur Shrimp Fly

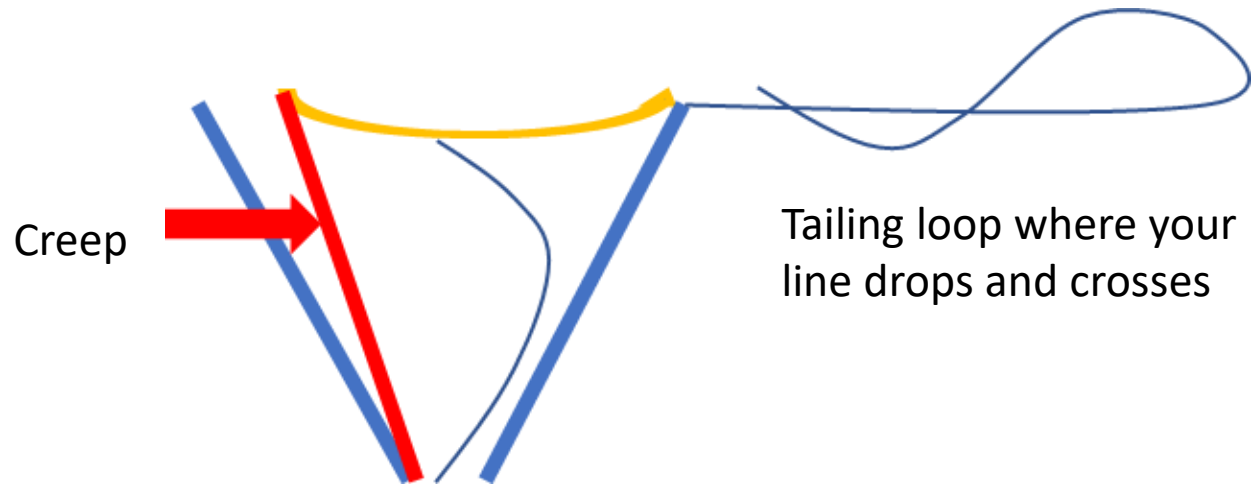
This fly caught snook around lighted docks this summer. It's a lot like a Kwan fly with a few little changes. Tie in a bunch of tan craft fur on a size 4 or 6 hook. Let the ends extend past the eye about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Tie in a couple of antenna extending past the craft fur a bit. Next add lead or bead chain eyes. Make the body/head from Publici fibers in small bunches. Bar the tail with a black waterproof marker. You can also palmer a hackle feather behind the head to simulate legs and add movement. Finally, tie in a double weed guard.

Fish this lively fly slowly for snook, trout or reds.



Casting Tip: Tailing Loop Creep

Creep is one of the major causes of a tailing loop. Creep usually happens during the pause after the back cast. The movement of your hand leads the rod tip to move forward or creep forward before the line has straightened behind you. This **decreases your casting arc** which now is too small for the bend in the rod (see earlier post).



The simplest advice I have is “look at your back-cast”. The visual cue to start the forward cast is when the line is straight, but the leader is not. Just wait, and **watch** do **NOT MOVE** the rod at all until the line is in the NOW configuration will cure your creep.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/Casting-Instructor-Certification/How-to-Become-Certified/Definitions/General-Casting>



Now configuration where the line is straight and the leader just starting to Straighten.

Shrimp Pasta with a White Wine Sauce

“Bursting with fresh flavor, this is an incredibly easy white wine sauce recipe that is perfect for pasta, seafood and chicken dishes. It’s light and refreshing for spring, summer and fall! Make it tonight – start to finish in less than 15 minutes!” Find details at: <https://julieblanner.com/white-wine-sauce/>

White Wine Sauce Ingredients

- Olive Oil – High quality extra virgin olive oil adds a hint of flavor.
- Minced Garlic – You can freshly mince, or use minced garlic purchased in the produce aisle of the grocery store.
- Crushed Red Pepper Flakes – Adds a little heat to this simple sauce.
- Salt – Use salt from a grinder for thick flakes, but table salt works well, too.
- Pepper – Fresh ground black pepper adds beautiful thick flakes and a subtle spicy flavor.
- Butter – The base for this delicious sauce. Salted or unsalted, your choice.



We add tomato, onion, peppers and shrimp and top with Parmesan cheese and lemon juice. Buy a five pound box of jumbo shrimp from Versaggi at the Tampa shrimp docks for the best shrimp in Florida.

The People You Meet on the Water: Combat fishing in a Camaraderie Zone **by Patty Anderson**

June is always a busy time in Colorado for outdoor activity and many fly anglers head to the rivers and lakes in pursuit of trout, grayling, and other species. This summer has been an unusually rainy season resulting in the rivers running higher than usual, leading to a large concentration of anglers on lakes. Last Friday we arrived at Lake Estes, which is located outside of Rocky Mountain National Park to try our luck. On arrival, the parking lot was very busy and lots of anglers were gearing up and heading to the lake. There was a line-up of anglers being formed at the mouth of the river that leads into the lake as well as anglers lining up on the banks. No one seemed bothered by the proximity of the next angler to them and polite conversation and friendly chats were exchanged. At the head of this line was a guide with two clients who were catching trout every few minutes. The clients were not what I would call expert casters, but they were very productive in catching fish. None of the other anglers at the lake were having this kind of luck and we all observed these clients hooting and hollering every time they brought in a fish. A grumbling started amongst all us non-guided anglers as to what flies the guide was using. Several anglers who live in the area showed what flies they usually have success with and suggestions about what to try. As we all kept changing fly patterns and mumbled about what the guide knew that we didn't, these clients kept pulling in fish while the rest of us just cast and watched. This went on for about 2 hours when the guide finally left to break for lunch. Several anglers moved into the exact spot the clients were fishing but still, little luck. We moved on to a different area of the lake and continued to try different fly patterns thru the afternoon with some success, but not close to what the guide was pulling in. As it got late in the day we were running into several of the anglers we had met that morning and they were all sharing that they now knew what fly the guide was using. A secret weapon? Nope..... a beige colored mop fly. Really now!!?

Club member and former president Jeff Aebles writes: “Hey Walt here's a few pictures for the newsletter. First one is the Bonefish on my 8wt bamboo fly rod in the Bahamas. Second picture is a 24" Rainbow on the Tucasegee River in North Carolina. I caught it on a Sage 4wt with a click and paw reel. No real drag system so I just had to tire him out. 15 minutes to land him. The third picture is a smaller Rainbow Trout on a 1953 Orvis Battenkill Bamboo rod that I just acquired from a collector here in Tampa. He also would like to do a presentation to the club when you can fit him in. He's very knowledgeable and a super nice guy. Tight lines my friend.”



Colorado fishing report: We fished Joe Wright Reservoir in the Rocky Mountains west of Ft Collins and I caught my first Colorado grayling. We were at 10,000 feet with snow banks on the ground. Rivers are running high and water is flowing over the dam on the North Poudre. Fished with Bruce and Patty Anderson and we got 14 trout from the Big Thompson Including the brown pictured below.



Elk and wild flowers on a hike near El Dorado State Park, CO



Our friend “Cigar” Rob sent these photos of bass he caught on a green clouser from Keuka Lake, NY. Rob is also one of the regulars pursuing redfish on the Cypress flat during the winter months.



Club member Jerry Kells is taking a break from our Florida summer heat while chasing stripers in Rhode Island. You can also find Jerry on the Cypress flat sight fishing reds.



Capt. Jeff Hagaman guided his Dad Ted and brother Todd to this great tarpon in early June Off Gasparilla Island. Good job guys!



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!”

Fly fisherman and casting instructor Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com and 727-504-8649.

Your fly pattern is very important, but not putting the fly in the proper location is even more necessary for success. If casting with your normal setup is giving you poor results, your fly line is probably the culprit because of much warmer weather and especially an increase in water temperature. One well-known fly line company makes more than 1,000 different fly lines for a good reason. In the spring when gulf water temperatures were in the low sixties a line that performed perfectly will not do the same now when the same water temperature is above 80. I see this frequently with clients from northern states and find they are trying to cast a line that behaves like limp spaghetti. A line that performed perfectly for striped bass in New York in the spring will be a disaster now. Some fly lines will have designations such as tropic or warm weather on the box. Fly fishing guides understand this and will have the proper lines on their reels. When clients are having difficulty with the equipment they brought with them, I frequently give them a reel to use with a suitable line on their rod that they feel comfortable with. This will restore their confidence and go a long way to eliminate their frustration resulting in a successful day.

Capt Rick Grasset reports: There are lots of options this month, late season tarpon, snook in the surf or at night or fishing skinny water for reds or big trout. Tarpon fishing is usually best when sweat is pouring down your back, but you'll want to fish early in the day in inside waters. Catch and release snook fishing will be a good option this month. With very warm water this time of year, it is important to use tackle heavy enough to land them quickly. Fly anglers should do well with clear intermediate sink tip lines and wide profile flies, such as Lefty's Deceiver or EP flies, since larger baitfish may be more predominant. Docks and bridges close to passes should be the best ones. You'll also find snook in the surf, where you can walk along the beach and sight cast to them in shallow water. The same flies that work at night usually also work in the surf, although be observant of the size baits that are present in the area you are fishing so you can "match the hatch". Gibby's DT Variation is a "go to" fly for many snook surf anglers. Reds should be very active in shallow water this month. With plentiful baitfish and higher tides, they should spend more time feeding over shallow grass flats. Look for them along the edges of bars or in potholes when the tide is low or along mangrove shorelines and around oyster bars when the tide is high. You'll also find big trout in many of the same areas where you find reds, but the bite for big trout is usually best early or late in the day. I tie my Grasset Flats Minnow in a larger size this time of year to match the size and profile of pilchards or pinfish that are plentiful. Fly poppers and Gurglers may draw some big explosions!



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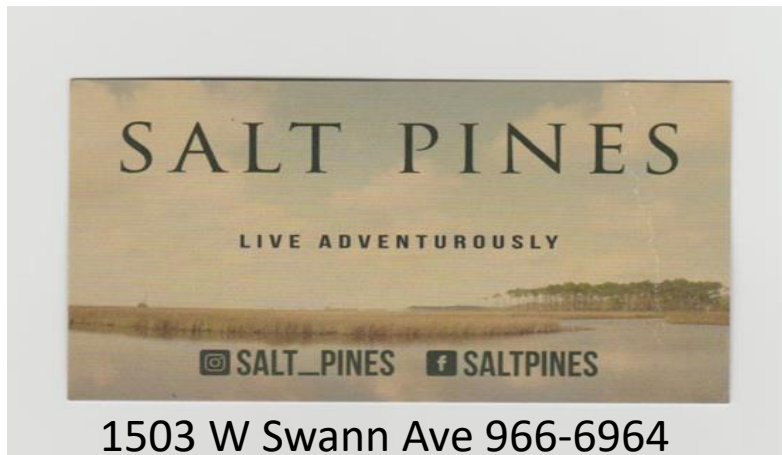
2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan Casting Clinic
- Jan Red Fly Tournament
- 11 Mar Picnic Island Outing
- Mar Annual Banquet
- July 8 Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct 21 Carl Hanson Outing
- Nov 8-14 Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov 19 Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Dec 8 Play Hooky at the Suncoast
Youth Center
- Dec 17 Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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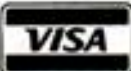
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