



Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Invited Speaker
Chris Anderson

Chris Anderson holds a B.S. in geography with a minor in biology from Florida State University. He has completed graduate coursework in geography from the University of South Florida and graphic design from St. Petersburg College. He is responsible for providing GIS support to FWC staff, as well as the creation of the printed and online Boating and Angling Guides for multiple estuaries around the state. He is also a member of the FWC Oil Response Team, which provides GIS support to the state's Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Emergency Response. In his spare time, Chris is a dog trainer at Upper Suncoast Dog Training club in Clearwater and competes in agility trials with his Shetland sheepdog. He has also tried his hand at fly fishing by learning how to cast in an apartment complex and catching trees, apartment balconies, bushes, even himself. Chris will speak to TBFFC about the online and printed boating and angling guides now available for the state of Florida.

Featured Fly Tier
Bryon Chamberlin

Bryon is a full time, saltwater fly fishing guide and operates his own fishing guide service, Barbed Steel Charters, Inc. He has been guiding for 9 years, mainly on the waters of Tampa Bay. He enjoys introducing clients to the wild wonders that Tampa Bay has to offer, both the fish they are trying to catch and beauty of nature surrounding them while pursuing their quarry with a fly rod as well as a camera. On this night Bryon will be tying a fly aimed at his favorite quarry, the Silver King. Come and get jump-started on jumping those tarpon!

NOTE: WE WILL NOT HAVE A MEETING IN JULY BECAUSE IT WOULD FALL ON JULY 4

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JUNE 2012 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Flyfishers,

Welcome to June and warmer weather and water.

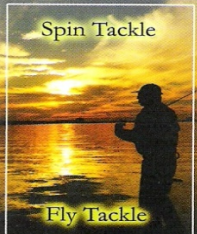
I have noticed more pelicans diving for bait in the canal behind my house, which suggests the bait fish are prolific and growing. Snook should also be moving from the back country toward the beaches to spawn and tarpon fishing is in full swing. Hope you have time to get out on the water and enjoy the many opportunities this time of year, before it gets too hot!

Many thanks to **Jim Seagraves** who spoke to us and shared his exploits in search of trophy fish around the world. If you would like to make a copy of the fly that Seagraves used to catch his world record (6 lb tippet) redfish, go to page 8, below and follow **Smitty's** directions.

Check the newsletter for items of interest and we welcome ideas for outings or other club activities. Please note **we will skip our July meeting because it falls on the 4th of July.**

Take care out on the water and tight lines.

//Walt 🦅



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TBFFC EVENTS

2012 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the meeting dates for 2012; June 6, **(No July Meeting)**, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5. **Please watch this space for any changes.**



LLOYD BULL'S BOAT IS FOR SALE

Now that Lloyd has passed away, his family has decided not to keep the boat that he has used in Florida for many years. Here is a description of the craft:

Make: Grady White
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G LOOMIS ROD + REEL FOR SALE

ROD: G Loomis FR1025 / 8'6" / 5wt / GL3 / fast taper / medium power / 2 piece

REEL: Venture 5

Co-worker of Jeff Janecek wants \$175 for rod, reel, and backing. Rod will be available at the June TBFFC meeting.



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NOTE: Newer Location for MCFF Club meetings - **Twin Lakes Park**. The entrance to Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota is located on Clark Road, just 1/2 mile east of I-75, on the south (right) side of the road. Contact website above for details and directions.

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TIPS FOR TBFFC – No. 48

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 31

Our last tip introduced a reach cast, one of the most useful techniques to get a drag free drift when fishing mixed currents especially with a dry fly. To extend this cast before the line would tighten and induce drag, move your rod tip vertically up and down in quick strokes as more line is played into the stripping guide. This will allow you to extend your cast and drag free presentation covering more fish holding water.

Pat Damico, MCI 🌅

Tick Talk

Spring is here and the ticks will soon be showing their heads. Here is a good way to get them off you, your children, or your pets. Give it a try.

A School Nurse has written the info below--good enough to share--and it really works!

"I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc."

"Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20); the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me."

Also, if you just pull a tick off, their heads sometimes break off and are left under the skin so this is much safer. Be aware also that a tick with a white speck on its back is a Deer Tick; these can cause Tick Fever so check yourself and your family good if you see any of these!

Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. Please pass on. Everyone needs this helpful hint.

Pat Damico 🌅



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Member Photos, June 2012



Big fly, big fish: **Andy Constantinou** caught this 27" Redfish at Simmons Park in early March on the large (4") Seducer Variation shown in the inset photo.



Attached are pictures from two **Lynn Skipper** fishing trips. The first is of **Jeff Janecek** holding 2 bass he and Lynn caught during simultaneous hookups on opposite sides of and I-75 canal during an outing to South Florida in late April. Jeff's was caught on his famous Chernobyl ant and Lynn's was on a Puglisi 1" silver minnow.

The redfish pictures were taken on Monday 5/14 fishing South of Port Manatee with **Capt John Hand**. The two keepers weighed approx 3 and 7 pounds.



Member Photos, June (Continued)



Pat Damico caught this nice trout while fishing with **Capt John Hand** at Port Manatee. It was a nice finish before Pat headed north to PA for the summer.



Bill Kalbas poses with **Bob Clouser** during the FFF South Eastern Council's Festival in GA. Bill and Jackie have joined the Carolina Fly Fishing Club, and say hi to all their friends at TBFFC.



Here are some more photos taken by **Bryon Chamberlin** at the recent Bahamas TBFFC-fest.

Proudly displaying their largest catches are (left to right): **Robert Fischer**, **Bone Fish**, and **Frank Rhodes**.

A special tribute to Lloyd Bull

Karen Bull Wrote:

Hi Dick

Perhaps you would like to share this with your club members. My Dad's tribute is in the May 2012 issue of Outdoor Canada, last page. I didn't realize what an icon he was up North until my sons and I accompanied him on one of his trips to the Arctic. Stopping for a change of planes in Yellowknife NWT, we were besieged by camera crews and a crowd of people yelling his name and asking for autographs. I realized at that time this man was more than just my dad. He was an icon to many in the angler world, he was the guy you wanted to beat!

Karen

HOMAGE

BY MARK ANDERSON



Lloyd Bull

Farewell to Great Bear Lake's legendary laker taker

I'M IN A cabin on a Quebec trout lake and Lloyd Bull is telling me a story about the time he meticulously engineered a hunt to drive a buck into the crosshairs of a perfectly situated shooter—only the greenhorn at the trigger fell asleep. “I kept waiting for the shot,” said the legendary outdoorsman, his voice rising with incredulity. “No shot!”

Two years later, I still smile at the memory. Whether hunting or fishing, Laker Lloyd Bull always took his shot. And many of those chances took place in Canada's Far North, the American adventurer's spiritual second home. He visited the region frequently, eventually focusing his attention on Great Bear Lake in the N.W.T., mapping its shoals by hand and pioneering the art of catching monster lake trout (hint: big spoons, and loose drags to “let 'em run”). His prowess resulted in two IGFA world records, including a 72-pound goliath he battled to the boat in 1995—a record that stands to this day.

Bull's biggest contribution to northern angling, however, took place after his boat capsized on Great Bear and his native guide perished in the icy chop. He responded by helping craft safety recommendations for the notoriously dangerous lake, calling for better boats and survival equipment, better training of guides and a “buddy system,” whereby boats always travel in pairs.

In the end, skin cancer got him, and Bull died this past January at the age of 86. The disease was almost certainly caused by a life spent hunting and fishing in the sun, but I don't think he would have had it any other way. Indeed, as recently as a week before his death, too weak to stand, he was still asking one of his sons to take him out fishing. That was Lloyd Bull. He took his shot. **OB**

FIELD EDITOR **MARK ANDERSON** AIMS TO NEVER MISS A SHOT.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Beachcomber

As Tied by Layne "Smitty" Smith



Materials:

- Hook:** Gamakatsu SC 15 size 2
Thread: Flatwaxed Nylon to match
Flash: 2 strands of pink Krystal Flash doubled
Body: White Polar Fibre
Wing: Olive or tan Polar Fibre Divided (or your choice of color)
Throat: Senyo Laser Dub silver minnow and a touch of Senyo Laser Dub red (folded).
Overwing: Senyo laser dub to match wing
Cement: Locktite Gel (or similar)
Head: Fish Skull (small) color to match pattern

Tying Instructions:

1. Base wrap back half of hook and tie in doubled Krystal Flash, fold back and tie down.:
2. Tie in white Polar Fibre on top of hook shank. (This fly rides hook point up.)
3. Invert fly (or rotate if using a rotary vise) and tie in divided colored Polar Fibre; half on each side of fly. *
NOTE Wing total (colored Polar Fibre) should be twice the size of belly (white Polar Fibre) amount.
4. (A & B): Invert (or rotate) hook and tie in throat. (A) First tie in Senyo Silver dub at then small amount of red. (See photo). (B) Fold back so silver dub veils the red. (See photo). Tie down.
5. Invert (or rotate) hook and tie in overwing in middle, fold back and tie down leaving room for skull. Whip finish and cut thread.
6. Apply small drop of Locktite to either side of thread wraps and slide on Fish Skull. Re-tie thread.
7. Build up thread dam in front of Fish Skull and whip finish.
8. Coat thread wraps with head cement.

Smitty 🍷

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"

JUNE 2012

I received two reports from our traveling flyfishers **John and Joan Willis**. On May 8, they also being members of the Trout Unlimited in Georgia, spent the day at the Chatahoochee National Fish Hatchery near Sutches, Georgia with Veterans. John reports being impressed with how helpful and friendly all the vets were with each other. After a hot dog lunch they fished and caught plenty of trout for dinner. On May 9, at the same hatchery along with the same chapter of Trout Unlimited, they assisted about 200 developmentally challenged children fish for trout fish in a special area. These children were allowed to each keep 8 fish and you should have heard the laughter and squeals when a fish was caught. My personal thanks go out to John and Joan for this great report and for being such good representative of fly fishing.

Capt. John Hand fishing the upper part of the Little Manatee River with Lynn Skipper caught bluegill, stump knockers, bass, ladyfish and snook using 3wt and 6wt rods.

Walt Durkin and **Ted Hageman** fished the lake in Rogers Park in Odessa and caught a dozen to 4 pounds from float tubes. The fly of choice was a black and white gurgler on top.

The Kayak guy's clients have been getting great results with large trout to 20 inches once you battle through the small jacks and ladyfish.

Nova Scotia member **Sam Bower** and friend are catching small mouth bass and from the pictures some of them are good size. Sam also went shad fishing and caught 4 shad.

On May 4th, **Jack Hexter**, fishing at Anclote Island, spent a good part of the morning looking for bait fish. Using the spinning rod he then caught a nice flounder, then picked up his fly rod. The fly rod was very productive. He caught an over-slot redfish on Robert Fischer spoon fly and a trout over 20" on a clouser. At the end of the day he had released 1 snook, 2 over-slot redfish, 3 trout over 20" and 2 flounder, naming a third flounder "dinner".

Bob Gaulin 🍷

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