



Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Invited Speaker

Capt. Dave Chouinard

Capt. Dave Chouinard owned The Fly Hatch Inc. in New Jersey, starting in 1993, which grew to be one of the largest fly shops in the country. In the fall of 2008 the company moved to Tampa and opened their new store, The Tampa Angler. More recently, Dave received the opportunity to be the southeast representative for the Simms Fishing Products Co, the position that he currently holds, with the company name Chouinard Outdoor Associates. Dave is a published FFF certified casting instructor and teaches with both left and right hands. He also is a contract Umpqua fly tier and fly designer. Dave is a USCG certified captain and has been guiding for over 16 years.

Dave's presentation will cover more of the "Fly Fishing Tips and Tricks" that were so popular when he spoke to our club a few years ago.

Featured Fly Tyer

Layne Smith

Smitty is one of the Bay area's premier fly tiers. He started tying when he was 6 years old and got serious about it in the early 60's. That's when he got involved in a tying clinic run by a crotchety old cuss by the name of Carl Hanson. From that time until Carl's passing they collaborated on many variations of pan fish flies as well as a number of salt water patterns.

Since then he has created many successful new patterns including the world's best bluegill fly, the Crystal Beetle (an advanced twist on the foam spider). His friends began calling him "Spiderman" because of the incredible success of that one. Tonight he will be tying Tomsu's Supreme Hopper, an amazingly realistic hopper pattern, great for freshwater trout and probably a winner for the upcoming Carl Hanson outing.

SPECIAL EVENT—EVERY PAID UP MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DRAW A HALF DAY GUIDED TRIP WITH ONE OF OUR EXCELLENT TBFFC MEMBER FISHING GUIDES – PAID FOR BY THE CLUB!

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SEPTEMBER 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

: Hello Flyfishers and welcome to September.

Many thanks to **Joe Welbourn** for speaking to the club with all his tips on push poles - interesting and informative and he probably saved my pole's life!

I hope you enjoyed my version of the spoon fly that redfish seem to like. This fly is fairly easy to tie and fish with good results. Look for my instructions in the newsletter, but your variations will work just fine.

The Florida Sportsman Show is here on 14 and 15 Sep, opening at 10:00 AM. We will set up by the casting pond and if you help out for a couple of hours we can get you in for free. We will have more details and a signup sheet at the next meeting.

Tight lines, **Walt** 🦅

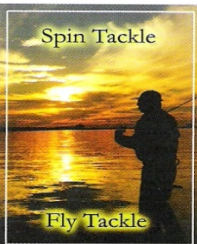
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TBFFC EVENTS

2012-213 TBFFC MEETING DATES

Here are the remaining meeting dates for 2013; September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4. **Please watch this space for any changes.**

TBFFC AT FLORIDA SPORTSMAN EXPO

When: Sat. and Sun., Sept.14-15, 2013
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., 10. a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun.

Where: Florida State Fairgrounds, Expo Hall I-4 and Hwy. 301, Tampa

Club Member Volunteers needed:

Once again our club will have a table next to the casting pond at this show. We will be telling show visitors about TBFFC, demonstrating fly tying, and giving casting lessons at the casting pond. We need members to sign up for 2-3 hours each. We should have at least two members at all times. You will receive free admission to the show (normally \$8), and will have an opportunity to visit all of the exhibits and vendors. **Sign up at our September meeting.** For details, contact Walt Durkin at (813) 476-7128

HEALING WATERS – RESTART & NEW

Update on project healing waters:

. A soon-to-be new member, Deb Brooks, has volunteered to help re-start our Healing Waters Project at the Veteran's Hospital. Deb has moved here from Colorado and already has experience with the program. She will attend our August meeting to join the club and meet members. We look forward to helping her move this worthy project forward.

Additionally, McDill AFB has agreed to a Project Healing Waters for the base starting in the fall. We will meet out there once-a-month to start fly tying. More details to come as we work them out. //Walt

IFFF FL FLY FISHING EXPO OCT 18-19

The Florida Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will hold its 2013 Expo at a nice resort, The Plantation on Crystal River, in nearby Citrus County on Friday and Saturday, Oct 18 and 19. If there is enough interest, TBFFC may purchase a table of 8 for the banquet to be held on Saturday evening.

Headline speakers at the meeting will be Chico Fernandez and Flip Pallot. For more details about the extensive program, navigate online to the IFFF Florida Council home page and click on –Expo-

CCA ALL-RELEASE CHALLENGE 9/20-21

The 29th annual Tampa all-release CCA challenge is set for Sept 20-21 at Tampa Bay Watch.

TBFFC NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

I have had the privilege of editing this newsletter for the last 15 years. However, it is time to let somebody else take over this very rewarding job. I will continue do the editing through October, 2013, but have decided to step aside when I reach the doddering old age of 80. The job may be a bit taxing for someone who is still working full time, but should not be difficult for two people working cooperatively, or someone who is retired. I will be happy to assist with the transition to a new editor(s), and can turn over many previous issues in Word and PDF format, as well as the work saving methods learned over the years.

Thanks and tight lines
Dick Miekka

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Bob Gaulin is Planning an Overnight Everglades trip for Oct, weekdays**
- **CARL HANSON OUTING** October 12
- **BIG GUN SHOOTOUT** November 17
- **CASTING CLINIC JT WITH SUNCOAST** Nov. 23

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TIPS FOR TBFFC – No. 62

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 45

MORE PRACTICE FOR CASTING EVENTS

We will make good use of the other hula hoop or hoops from your dollar store purchase. Stand in one spot and place a hula hoop or hoops at varying distances because wind will also be a factor if present. The more vertically you hold the rod and also if placed in front of you, your eye can sight down the rod to the target. Using a bright practice fly, false cast with good loop formation using the hoop rim closest to you as the target. Deliver the fly and see where it lands. If it hits close to the rim, that's great. If it lands in the center of the hoop, your rod stop and drop may have been the cause. Moving the rod more to the side or more horizontally, which is often needed in fishing, will have an impact on where the fly lands. Practice different positions. In the wind, the usual horizontal casting plane may have to be tilted resulting in a high backcast and low forward cast. Your initial casts should be short adding distance as accuracy improves.

Pat Damico, MCI 

Some Helpful Websites and Computer Keyboard Hints

BELOW ARE TWO URL'S TO YOU TUBE VIDEOS ON HOW TO MAKE FURLED LEADERS.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBs-rENO5dY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvscjSHGd3M>

General keyboard-only commands

F1: Starts Windows Help

F10: Activates menu bar options

SHIFT+F10 Opens a shortcut menu for the selected item (this is the same as right-clicking an object)

CTRL+ESC: Opens the Start menu (use the ARROW keys to select an item)

CTRL+ESC or ESC: Selects the Start button (press TAB to select the taskbar, or press SHIFT+F10 for a context menu)

CTRL+SHIFT+ESC: Opens Windows Task Manager

ALT+DOWN ARROW: Opens a drop-down list box

ALT+TAB: Switch to another running program (hold down the ALT key and then press the TAB key to view the task-switching window)

SHIFT: Press and hold down the SHIFT key while you insert a CD-ROM to bypass the automatic-run feature

ALT+SPACE: Displays the main window's System menu (from the System menu, you can restore, move, resize, minimize, maximize, or close the window)

ALT+- (ALT+hyphen): Displays the Multiple Document Interface (MDI) child window's System menu (from the MDI child window's System menu, you can restore, move, resize, minimize, maximize, or close the child window)

CTRL+TAB: Switch to the next child window of a Multiple Document Interface (MDI) program

ALT+underlined letter in menu: Opens the menu

ALT+F4: Closes the current window

CTRL+F4: Closes the current Multiple Document Interface (MDI) window

ALT+F6: Switch between multiple windows in the same program (for example, when the Notepad Find dialog box is displayed, ALT+F6 switches between the Find dialog box and the main Notepad window)



Member Photos September 2013



Bill Kalbas, now residing in the Carolinas, sent in these photographs from his recent fly fishing trip to some rivers in Eastern Tennessee. Looks like the fishing was pretty good and I think I can hear *Dueling Banjos* playing in the background.

Truth In Angling, (The Art of Creative Score- keeping)

by Chauncy Lively, excerpt from *The RIVERWATCH*

The Quarterly Newsletter Of The
Anglers Of The AuSable
(submitted by Pat Damico)

All fishermen are born honest ... but they soon get over it. --- Ed Zern

How times have changed! When I first began fly-fishing (longer ago than I care to admit) the few fly-fishers we found on the streams were generally close-mouthed and stingy with information. They didn't like to reveal where they fished but if, by chance, you already knew, they would downplay the number of trout in their favorite stream. "Not worth the effort," they'd tell you if you inquired about the fishing. And if you asked an old-timer what fly he was using he would likely answer, "Scarlet Ibis" or some equally ridiculous or unlikely pattern.

Those were the Dark Ages of fly-fishing, when many feared others would invade their streams and remove their trout. But the proliferation of the catch-and-release ethic has since changed all that and the pendulum has now swung in the opposite direction. (In fact, some would say it has swung too far!) Today, ask a graduate of one of the fly-fishing schools about a fly pattern and he'll give you its size, the scientific name of the insect it represents, the stage in its life cycle, and identify its gender. But it's in the realm of numbers of trout caught that one gets the most interesting answers.

A few years ago Hoagy Carmichael and I were sitting on a riverside log at the access below Stephan's Bridge. We had fished downstream all morning and were waiting for Marion and Martha to return from upstream. I had taken down my rod and put it in the car while Hoagy's

was still strung up and balanced across his knee.

A car pulled into the access and a young couple got out. The man quickly donned his waders and strung up his rod. Seeing Hoagy's cane rod, he came over to show his own. It was a typical mass-produced rod of 1940 vintage, with a paucity of guides but gaudily wrapped, and available at any hardware store for \$8.95. He proudly explained it had been his grandfather's rod and had been meticulously cared for.

"My rod may look like a solid piece of bamboo but it's actually six strips carefully glued together." He then went on to describe other features to Hoagy, who acted duly impressed. Our young friend didn't realize he was espousing rod lore to one of the finest crafters of split-cane rods in the world.

He then waded out to mid-river, made ten or twelve swoosh-swoosh false casts and let go. The big bivisible followed a wide arc and settled on the water like a wounded bird. His wife looked around at us with a knowing smile, as if to say, "See, he knows how to do it, too!"

After perhaps a dozen unproductive casts he reeled in and waded ashore. "I think we'll go over to the South Branch," he announced. "That's my favorite river. I always catch seventeen trout there."

Hoagy and I bid them godspeed, silently wishing with envy that we knew a magical spot where we could always catch seventeen trout.

Exaggeration has long been a part of the psyche of many fishermen and most of us have become accustomed to hearing the truth stretched a bit from time to time. But when a chap told me he had caught twenty-seven trout in a half-hour I had to marvel at his efficiency. I know that catch-and-release advocates want trout to be landed as quickly as possible, but ...

Seth Nidley (that's not really his name, of course) was particularly adept at creating illusions which were divorced from reality. While still in his late teens he would show up at the cast club's platforms, fly rod in hand, and seek the advice of the regulars there. Always anxious to organize a competition, the old-timers would set up a match between Seth and another young man who frequented the platforms. Seth was so consistently trounced he would eventually leave his fly rod at home and bring a spinning rod instead.

A few years later Seth began appearing at meetings of the Fly Fishers. In those days he was rather laid-back and self-effacing, a condition he was soon to abandon. The Fly Fishers had a fishing outing on Spring Creek that fall and it turned out to be one of those rare days when everything fell perfectly in place: the weather cooperated and fishing was great. Everyone caught trout; well, almost everyone, anyway.

By late afternoon Seth was still fishless and beginning to bear a forlorn countenance. Marion took pity on him and led him downstream to a pool where a spring rivulet entered the stream. She pointed out where the trout would be, showed him exactly where to position himself and gave him a couple of patterns she knew would work. By dark he had caught four or five trout and was ecstatic. Success at last! That day in late October was, for most of us, the season's final fishing trip.

Over the winter Seth purchased a couple of Leonard rods, mail-ordered several Halford books from England and by spring - without wetting a line in the interim - had become the worst snob imaginable. He had so completely absorbed the Halford chalk stream ethic even the singing of his reel took on a British accent. The people at the Fly Fishers who had brought him along were now "clods" who simply "didn't get it."

We didn't see much of him after his conversion but he was adept at spreading the word of his successes.

We would occasionally hear of his sixty-trout day at Penn's Creek or a forty-trout morning during the Tricorythodes hatch on Falling Springs. But since he was usually a loner there were no witnesses to these miraculous events. Then I had a chance conversation with my friend Mike, who worked in an upscale outdoors store downtown. Mike was a very knowledgeable tackle salesman who rarely had an opportunity to fish. But one day when Seth was in the store he offered to take Mike along for a day's fishing on nearby Dunbar Creek.

Enroute to the stream Seth counseled Mike on the specific patterns he should use and when they began fishing they went in opposite directions. Back at the car at lunch time, Seth announced he had had a twenty-one-trout morning while Mike had found little activity and had caught only two trout. Puzzled by the disparity, Mike decided to tag along with Seth for the afternoon fishing. It wasn't long before he had the answer. Dunbar Creek is a gin-clear stream and the trout are generally easy to see, provided they are not spooked. Seth would cast his way upstream and occasionally, a trout would rise under his fly and return to its lie without breaking the surface.

"That's number twenty-two," Seth would say as he made an entry in his notebook. A little later a trout would move out from its ledge, examine the fly and reject it. "Twenty-three," Seth would announce.

Eureka! As Mike related this to me I began to appreciate - at long last - how twenty-seven trout could be tallied in a half-hour! Sure beats getting your hands stunk up, too.

Word got around about the new scoring system and it wasn't long before it was adopted - with a slight variation - by others. If you came across a friend on the stream, chances are the conversation would go something like this:

"How are you doing?"

"Great! Nine trout and seventeen Seth Nidleys!"

My old fishing buddy, Jean Larouche, was a championship tournament caster who had a severe aversion to misrepresentation in any form. He had been one of Seth's instructors at the casting platforms and had watched his rise in the world of make-believe angling. When Jean retired he returned to his home state of Maine but we kept in touch regularly.

Seth was an artist and during the Seventies he was engaged to produce a catalog for a mail order fly shop in Ohio. I was on the shop's mailing list and when the new catalog arrived I removed it from its envelope to find a familiar face gracing its cover. There, in a full-page photograph, was you-know-who, fly rod in hand on the casting platform, leaning into a cast. The caption read, "A tournament caster at work."

Gleefully, I inserted the catalog into a new envelope and mailed it to Jean without comment. I told Marion she shouldn't be surprised to hear the telephone explode in a few days. Sure enough, I answered the phone one evening to hear Jean's booming voice in a staccato barrage at the other end. "Tournament caster, is he?" Then the air fairly turned blue with French expletives.

Possibly the most creative of all score-keepers are those who imply without actually exaggerating. Harve exploited this technique with expertise.

A couple of years prior to our move to Michigan, Harve called me for information about the Au Sable. He was planning a vacation on the river and wanted suggestions as to where to fish, hatches, fly patterns, and all the little details one should know about. He would call me twice weekly until he made his trip in July and we went over the same details so many times I became convinced he was a more willing talker than listener.

I saw Harve following his return from Michigan and he reported he had found the fishing just so-so. As we talked I realized he had fished only a few of the places I had suggested. "I didn't catch anything over seventeen inches," he complained.

Later I spoke with Harve's friend, Bob, who accompanied him to the Au Sable, and when I told him of my conversation with Harve he laughed. "You can believe he didn't catch anything over seventeen inches," he said. "Actually, he didn't catch anything over ten inches!" Harve is gourmand (with waistline to prove it) and it seems he spent as much time searching out restaurants in the area as in actual fishing. But there is a happy ending to this tale: he found complete joy in Mary Gates' dining room.

At Falling Springs I once watched our friend Ned Leeming hook a fine brown trout which went absolutely berserk. As it roared downstream the length of a long meadow Ned had to pass his rod under a strand of electrified cattle fence and around a fence post. He then followed it around a bend and finally controlled it just above a falls. As it rested in a quiet pocket in the watercress Vince Marinaro netted it. Ned began to stretch his tape over the trout but Vince waved him off.

"Don't measure it," Vince enjoined. "You'll take away all the romance!" Ned complied and gently released the fish.

Vince was right. Had Ned measured the trout he'd have been bound to a rigid statistic. But now, each time he recalls that wonderful event the fish will have grown a little.

That's the romance of fly fishing.

~ Chauncy Lively

FLY OF THE MONTH

Walt's Spoon Fly

As Tied by Walt Durkin



Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu SP11-3L3H or long shank hook of choice.

Thread: red.

Body: Reflective lure tape in gold.

Tying Instructions

1. First de-bard your hook using a pair of small pliers to push down the barb.
2. Next, using your vice and pliers bend the hook slightly from the eye toward the hook point getting a smooth bend.
3. Prepare the body by cutting a rectangle from your tape about one half inch wide and one inch long. The body must fit along the hook shank from the eye to where the hook starts to curve.
4. Next cut the body into an oval shape with the scissors. You can use any shiny material to make the body such as wrapping paper or foil. The lure tape works well as it's good and shiny on both sides.
5. Wrap your red thread from the eye to the back of the shank.
6. Now take the lure tape and make two tiny slits in the end on each side of the point. This is for your thread to catch on since the tape is so slick.
7. Remove the back of your lure tape and you will have a silver side and a gold side. Place the silver (sticky) side on the inside of the hook on top of your thread. Carefully catch the end of the tape with your thread with several wraps and tie off. Move to the front and tie off the other end in the same manner making sure your body stays flat to the hook.
8. Add a weed guard if so desired. I use nylon coated leader wire. Tie three of the flies and then mix some 5-minute epoxy. Coat the body of the fly's and thread with epoxy on both sides with a small disposable brush and place on your drying wheel and they are ready to fish after 10 minutes. This fly is light and will fish shallow with lots of action. You can add eyes in the front or rear to make the fly fish deeper. You can also add legs and flash to the end of the fly for a larger profile, but the basic fly with just the body works just fine.

//Walt 🐞

Fishing Report and Forecast

"What a great time to go fishing!"

SEPTEMBER 2013

Member **Thomas Perkins** reports catching his first salt water fish, a 14" redbreast on a white/green shimminnow of the beach at Sanibel Island. He is headed Michigan to trout fish on the Pierre Marquette river.

The kayak guide reports trout fishing is very good. The grassy areas are a good location to use gurglers. If the fish are not aggressive go to a sinking fly.

Capt. Rick Grasset did his annual trip to Crane Meadow Lodge, Twin Bridges, Montana. From his report brown and rainbow trout were caught on a variety of dry flies. Back in Sarasota, catch and release snook around docks and bridges and red and trout on the flats should be a good option.

Nick Colantonio received a report from friend **Linda Martuch** at the Goodnews River in Alaska. Silver Salmon were in abundance, she reports it was like fishing for dummies. If you did not get a bump on every cast you wondered what you did wrong. Many of the silvers were in the 10 to 12 pounds, with some larger fish being caught. Linda won the comatose angler award – her rod was lying on the deck with a fly dangling in the water while she tended to her line – she noticed the rod tip twitching, and took rod and line in hand to land a small rainbow trout. In 2008, the lodge named the award after club member Nick Colantonio, the original comatose angler.

Tight lines

Bob Gaulin 🐞
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Fifteen Years Ago at TBFFC

- Our new meeting place was the Barksdale Center off Kennedy Blvd.
- Jeff Abeles was club president
- Our speakers were Marty Man and Tim Coughlin of the FL Game and Fresh Water Fish Comm.
- Featured tier was Chris Finne
- A Jonathan Clark bamboo rod was raffled off
- Esther Hanson had a fly tying clinic at her house
- Cecil Strange was planning a fly tying class
- Outings were planned at Anclote and Ft Desoto Park—also Big Gun Shootout and Fl Sportsman

Captain's Corner: Discover a productive pond

By Pat Damico, Times Correspondent

The Tampa Bay Times, August 14, 2013



What's hot: Fly fishermen are always looking for a new hot spot. When driving, even on your way to or from work, keep an eye out for a roadside pond that looks fishy. You don't want to be on private land without permission. Many productive ponds have bass and panfish, and some even have snook and baby tarpon.

Tactics: Keep a rod rigged in your vehicle. A sport utility vehicle can accommodate a fully rigged fly rod, or have the rod in two sections in a protective case in the trunk. Observe the pond's surface for activity: baitfish scattering, wakes from fish, surface splashes. Most fish will be around structures such as trees and floating plants. Make most casts close to shore.

Tackle: A 4- or 5-weight fly rod with a floating weight forward line using a 7-foot leader tapered to 8-pound test will handle easily and allow you to find out if fish are present. Use flies that imitate small baitfish, or a white or yellow popper in sizes 6 to 8, and cover water quickly. If you find fish too small or too large for your equipment, adjust the gear to be better prepared for your return visit.

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