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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Summer

**TCFF President**  
Frank Cuttone

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Hey Tarpon Coast Flyfishers ! Summer is upon us with temperatures in the 90's. If you're outdoors, you need to pay attention and take precautions against the extreme heat. Please stay well hydrated.

Terry is in the process of documenting step-by-step tying instructions for these flies and intends to publish the instructions on the TCFF website. Look for them in upcoming newsletters.

### Fly Tying

Fishing has been slow but fly tying has been heating up! Gene Andre, Terry Dunne, Bobby Lachtara, and I have been creating some awesome salt-water patterns.

For example, recently we've tied up the **EP Baitfish**, the **Prince of Tides**, the **Schwimmer Minnow**, and the **Redfish Cracker**, all effective salt water flies.



**Bob Bebout and Jim Humphrey with some terrific Salmon on Alaska's Kenai river. See [Trip Report: Alaska, page 8](#)**

### Fly tying Attendance

Fly tying attendance has been good and we'll keep members informed regarding the flies that we tie during the summer months. We should have some good saltwater flies to fish with in the fall.

Stay cool, hydrated, safe, and protect yourself from

the sun. See you at the fly tying bench.....!

— *Frank*





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### Fly Tying at St. Theresa's w/Gene Andre

Gene Andre holds his fly tying sessions the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at St. Theresa's Church, 1107 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL 34606, usually from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

### Fly Tying at Summertree w/Frank Cuttone

TCFF President Frank Cuttone has reserved the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at the Summertree Recreation Facility for the TCFF Fly Tying group starting April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All are welcome.

We will be tying advanced Saltwater patterns, so come and learn some new techniques. We are located off Rt 52 on 11945 Paradise Point Way, New Port Richey Fl 34654.

### Bob Bebout/Bobby Lachtara Assume New Duties as new TCFF Treasurer and TCFF Secretary

Former TCFF President Bob Bebout is the new TCFF Treasurer. Bob replaces long-serving TCFF Treasurer Michele Humphrey. Bob is also Vice President of TCFF.

TCFF member Bobby Lachtara is the new TCFF Secretary. Bobby replaces TCFF Secretary Jim Humphrey.



# Some Fine Catches



Bobby Lachtara with a good-sized Red Snapper from offshore.



Captain Nate says the Tarpon he hooked was probably about 120 lbs or so. The giant fish, hooked off Homosassa on a Tarpon fly similar to the one above, broke off soon after the jump.

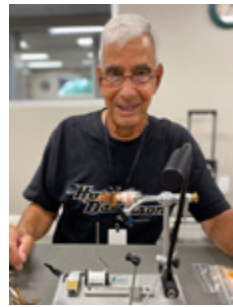


Ray Cannata with a hard-fighting Snook caught on a Clouser Minnow from the Chassahowitzka River.



Bobby Lachtara with a keeper Gag Grouper from the deep.





TCFE President Frank Cuttone

Advanced Fly Tying

# Tying the Redfish Cracker

A Shrimp imitation great for Redfish



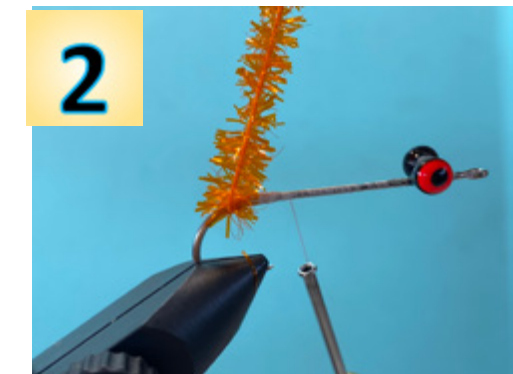
**What you'll need:**



(L-R) #1 or #2 long shank saltwater hooks, white thread, medium eyes, orange chenille, white craft fiber, orange and brown Sharpies, brown neck hackle, pumpkin color legs, and brown EP Wooly Critter.



**1** Using X-wraps, tie on the eyes 1/4" from the hook eye and work the thread down to the bend.



**2** On the hook bend, tie on the shrimp's egg sack (orange chenille).



**3** In front of the orange egg sack, tie on the shrimp's tail (white craft fiber).



**4** Remove the fly from the vise and use an orange Sharpie, then a brown Sharpie, to add stripes to the shrimp's tail.



**5** Return the fly to the vise and tie on the brown neck hackle, smoothing it backwards as you tie.



**6** In front of the brown hackle, tie on the pumpkin colored legs.



**7** In front of the pumpkin legs, tie on the brown Wooly Critter and wrap it up to the eyes.



**8** Tie off the brown Wooly Critter in front of the eyes.



**9** Whip finish the fly.



**10** The finished product.



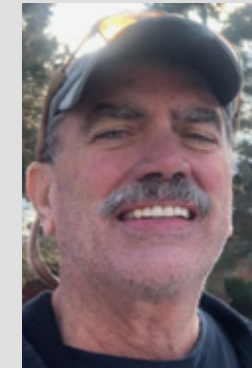
**Technique:**

# Making Weighted Ball Chain Eyes

I use wire to make ball chain eyes heavier. I typically stay away from all lead. Also, be sure to keep a small bowl of water for

quickly cooling off eyes and tools before handling.

— Brian Muller



Brian Muller

**Trip Report: Texas**

# 5-Pound Largemouth From Daughter's Pond

Yes, about a five pound largemouth from my daughter's community pond in Celina, Texas. Used a **Balanced Black Crystal Leech** tied on a #8 jig fly hook with 3/16" tungsten bead on pin tied on front

to keep the fly suspended horizontally under an indicator.

Used a floating 6 weight line (I normally use my 8 weight rod and line for bass).



Balanced Olive Crystal Leech



5 Pound Largemouth Caught On A Crystal Leech



**Trip Report:**

# Alaska



**Far From Home**



**Two Happy Fishermen**



**On the Kenai River**



**A Good Catch**

*Carol and I picked up Jim Humphrey at the gate of Joint Base Elmendorf - Richardson (JBER) military base in Anchorage, then drove two hours to the Russian River Campground. We geared up with waders, boots, bear spray, and rods and headed down the 87 steps to the Russian River.*

*Walked about a quarter mile down the river, checking various spots. The river is shallow and clear so you can see the fish if they are in there. They weren't!*

*We turned around, hiked up the trail, back up the steps, and headed for the Russian River ferry crossing. We paid our money, and took the carbon-free ferry ride across the river.*

*— Bob Bebout*



**Russian River Ferry**





# Trip Report

# Honeymoon Island



*New TCFE club member Brian Muller sight fishes the big guys*

**Who:**  
Bob Bebout, Terry Dunne, Ken Forsythe, Jim Humphrey, Bobby Lachtara, Barbara Lombardo, Brian Muller, Dennis Muntean

**What:**  
Wade fishing from shore

**Where:**  
Dog Beach, Honeymoon Island



*1st time fly fisher Barbara Lombardo receives casting instructions from Bob Bebout*



*The big fish were feeding and the birds were diving as the tide ripped through the channel between Honeymoon and Caladesi Islands*



*Bob Bebout shoots a long cast*



*Bobby Lachtara reads the water*



*New TCFE club member Dennis Muntean takes a break from a hard day's fishing*



*Ken Forsythe & Jim Humphrey judge the incoming tide*



# Fly Fishing Guides

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