



# The Salty Tippet

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## President's Message

# Fall Fishing Is Upon Us



**TCFF President**  
Frank Cuttone

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Greetings Fly Fishers. Welcome Back! The Fall fishing is here and soon we'll be meeting at the Coyote Rojo for the first TCFE General Membership meeting following the summer break. It'll be great to get together at the Rojo for good food, good company, and great Margaritas !

There's some great stuff inside this issue of the Salty Tippet. For example:

- How to catch fish with a hand grenade

- Fly casting videos by Joan Wulff and Bob Green
- Fly tying instructor Gene Andre on how to tie the Mr. Pinky fly
- Ray Cannata and Bob East's trip out west to Montana
- A trip to Honeymoon Island on a tip that the Snook were running

See you at the Coyote Rojo!

— Frank



**Ray Cannata and Bob East drift-fished the Missouri River in Montana. See page 8.**



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### Thu Bon River, Vietnam

## How to Catch Fish With a Grenade

An exploding grenade will stun the fish long enough to scoop them from the water.



M-26 Hand Grenade

To catch fish with a hand grenade:

1. With grenade in hand wade into water up to your knees.
2. Pull pin on Grenade while holding tight the grenade spoon.
3. Throw the grenade and scamper back out of the water to avoid getting smacked in the legs by the blast. You have 3-5 seconds.
4. Either by hand or fish net, scoop the unconscious fish from the water.



L/Cpl Terry Dunne with a couple of big ones caught with a grenade in the Thu Bon River, Vietnam, 1967. The kids took the fish home to their parents.

## Joan Wulff/Jim Green Teach Fly Casting



Bob Bebout

After watching hours and hours of fly casting instruction on tape and now YouTube, I have selected these best three YouTube videos as best for beginners.



The reason is they will teach your the first step to becoming a good caster. The most important thing is to have some solid foundation before you develop bad habits, which are very difficult to correct.

I believe **Joan Wulff** is the best teacher, because of her no-frill instruction of the proper arm and wrist motion. Go to YouTube ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)) and, in

the **Search Field** at the top of the page, type **Joan Wulff**. Then go to "[Joan Wulff Teaches the Basics of Fly Casting](#)" and watch the video. Then work on your arm and wrist motions until it looks like hers, then watch the video again and practiced it again, no more than 20-30 minutes per session.



Joan Wulff

When you feel like you've got it, move on to video number 2 titled "[Dynamics of Fly Casting with Joan Wulff](#)". In this video, she demonstrates the ground stroke, applying hand tension,

Joan Wulff calls Jim Green's "flip the tip" the "power snap" There are many names for it. It is the act of using your wrist and heel of your hand to stop the rod to form the loop. If anyone tells you not to use your wrist while fly casting, politely then them for their help and walk away.

— Bob Bebout

and self analysis.

One of my favorites is a very old film by **Jim Green** called [Secrets of Fly Casting](#). Jim very clearly shows the arm and wrist motions needed to "flip the tip". This truly is the secret to fly casting.





**The Flies We Use**

# Tying Mr. Pinky

**Good for Sea Trout and Snook**

**Master Fly Tyer**  
Gene Andre

*What you'll need:*



**Fishing the Mr. Pinky**

Mr. Pinky, an imitation shrimp pattern, is for those times when the fish just don't seem to be biting. You cast it, let it settle to the bottom, then jerk it softly in small jerks.

— Gene Andre



**3**  
Tie on the Deceiver's tail using white bucktail (on top of the silver crystal flash).



**4**  
To create the Deceiver's silver body, wrap the silver crystal flash forward to the hook eye and tie down.



**5**  
Tie on the Deceiver's white bucktail body near the hook eye. Body should extend past tail.



**6**  
Tie on two strands of silver crystal flash near the hook eye. Crystal flash should extend past the tail.



**7**  
Tie on the green bucktail body. It should extend a little past the white bucktail body.



**8**  
Tie on two strands of Peacock Herl.



**9**  
Turn the fly upside down and tie on the gills (red crystal flash). Trim to approximately 1/4".



**10**  
Add the glue-on eyes.



**11**  
Drip thick head cement between the eyes, top and bottom, to create the Deceiver's head.



**12**  
The finished product.

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Silver Dolphin Restaurant, Hernando Beach

# Fisherman's Breakfast

## June 14th 2024



Terry Dunne & TCCF Treasurer/Vice President Bob Bebout



LEFT: Debra Hazivasilis, Carol Bebout, Barbara Dunne, Ken Forsythe, Frank Bourgeois



RIGHT: TCCF Communications Director Ruby Turner, TCCF Treasurer/Vice-President bob Bebout, Dick Conant

TCCF Secretary Bobby Lachtara welcomes the Tarpon Coast Fly fishers to TCCF's Fisherman's breakfast



Ken Forsythe & the Silver Dolphin waitress



Former TCCF President Frank Bourgeois & Marcus Parker



Carol Bebout & Barbara Dunne



LEFT: Marcus Parker, Frank Bourgeois  
RIGHT: Sandy Lachtara, Bobby Lachtara, waitress, Kathy Bartolomo

**Out West**

# Missouri River Trip



**Ray Cannata**

**Who:** Ray Cannata, Bob East

**What:** Fly Fishing Out West

**Where:** Missouri River, Montana

We flew from **Tampa** to **Bozeman, MT**, changing at the Denver airport, for a week

**Creek** which were farther west and still experiencing winter weather—snow, cold and

windy. No bugs and no fish. I caught four fish on **Deep Creek** using a **Prince Nymph**.

We checked out of the **Three Bears Motel** and checked into the **Quality Inn** in **Bozeman** and



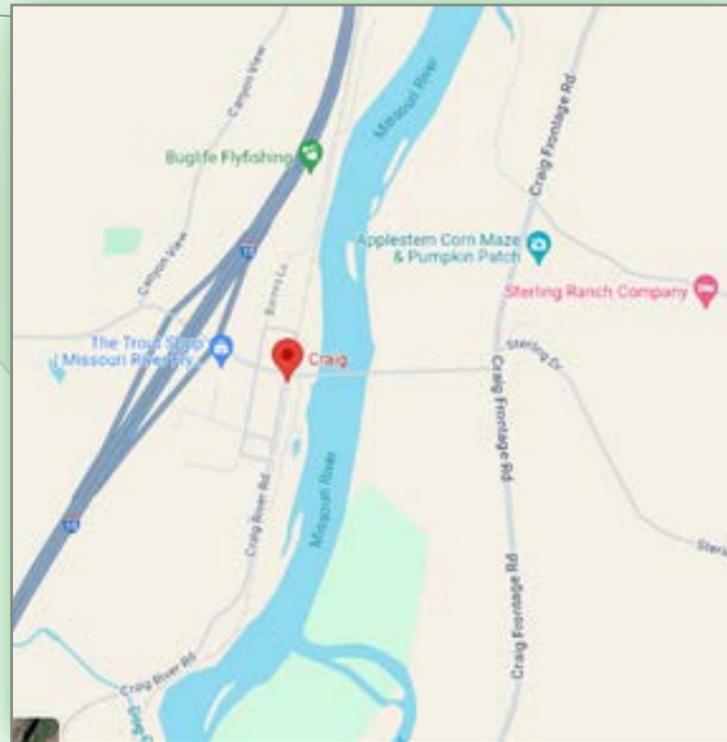
**Ray and river guide with a very nice Missouri River Rainbow Trout**

of fishing. We drove from **Bozeman** to **Craig, MT**, and stayed several nights at the **Riverside Motel** in **Cascade, MT**.

We fished several days floating the **Missouri River** below **Holter Dam** in **Craig, MT**. We both caught good numbers of trout and some white fish. We checked out and drove to **Lincoln, MT**, to fish the **Blackfoot River** and **Deep**



**Bob East with a good-sized Brown Trout**



**The Missouri River, Craig, Montana**



**Prince Nymph**

the next day drove most of the day and eventually fished a couple of hours on the **Madison River** above **Enis, MT**.

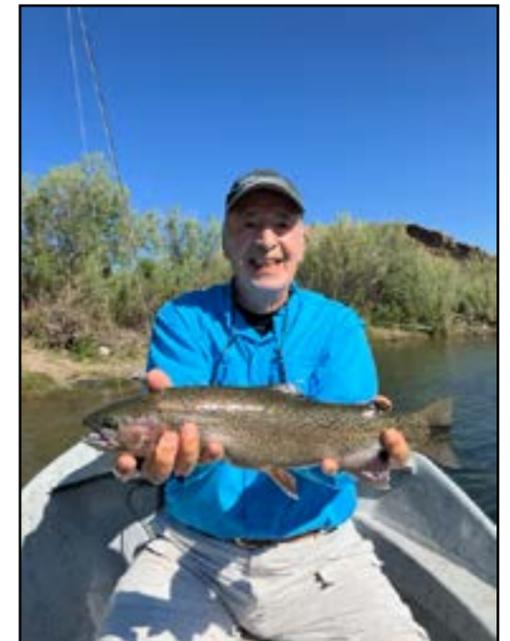
I caught a rainbow on a **Prince Nymph** and that was the only fish caught that day, a day that was cold, rainy and windy. The next day we checked out and got to the airport for a very early flight back, ultimately to **Tampa**.

In the future it would be better to separate the trip into two separate trips. The first to the **Missouri River** was perfect but the second part of the trip to western Montana should be scheduled for perhaps **August** to enjoy the warmer weather and possibly some dry fly fishing.

**— Ray**



**Whoops!**

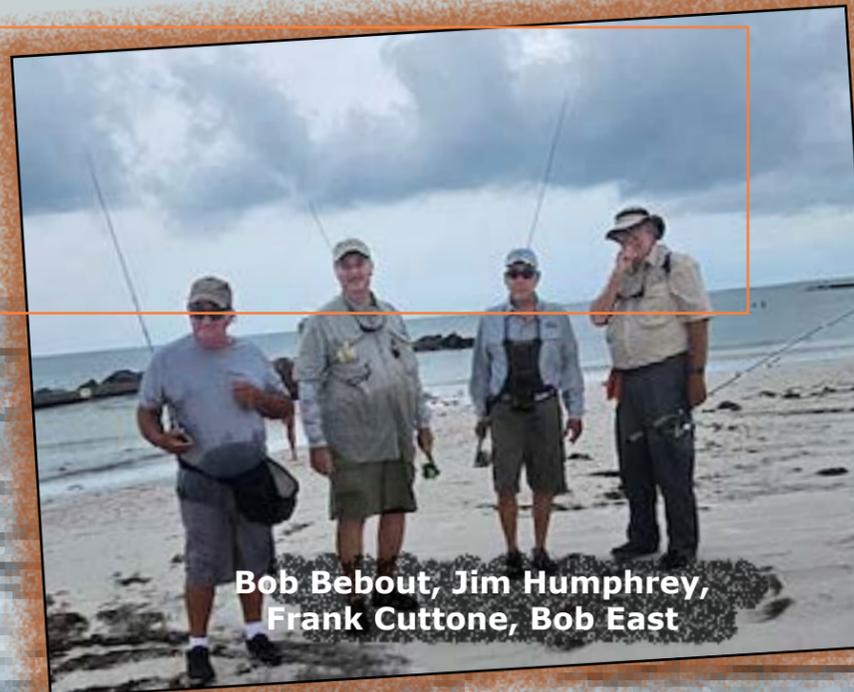


**Got 'em! A hefty 'Bow.**

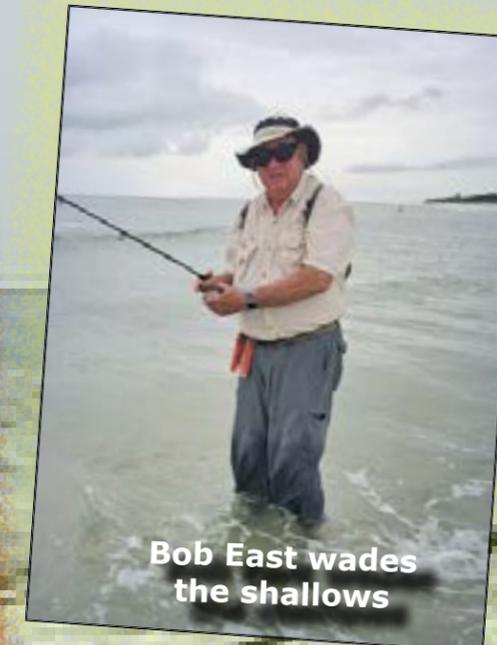
## Honeymoon Island Trip – July 9th 2024

# In Pursuit of Snook

- **Who:**  
Bob Bebout, Ray Cannata, Frank Cuttone, Bob East, Jim Humphrey, Bobby Lachtara
- **What:**  
Looking for Snook cruising the shoreline
- **Where:**  
Honeymoon Island, Florida



Bob Bebout, Jim Humphrey, Frank Cuttone, Bob East



Bob East wades the shallows

Word came down that big Snook were cruising the shoreline at Honeymoon Island. A Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers reconnaissance team was quickly on the scene.

"It was an exercise in casting," according to Ray Cannata. "First we tried the Osprey area and then the Dog Beach. There were no bait fish in the water. We didn't catch anything but we had a great time"



Bob Bebout Frank Cuttone, & Ray Cannata talk strategy



Ray Cannata, Bobby Lachtara



Jim Humphrey, Bob Bebout



Bob Bebout shoots a long cast



Jim Humphrey, Ray Cannata

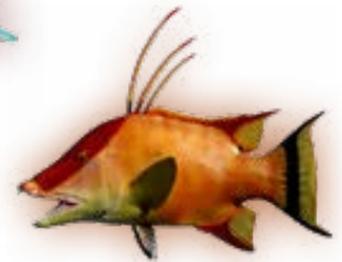


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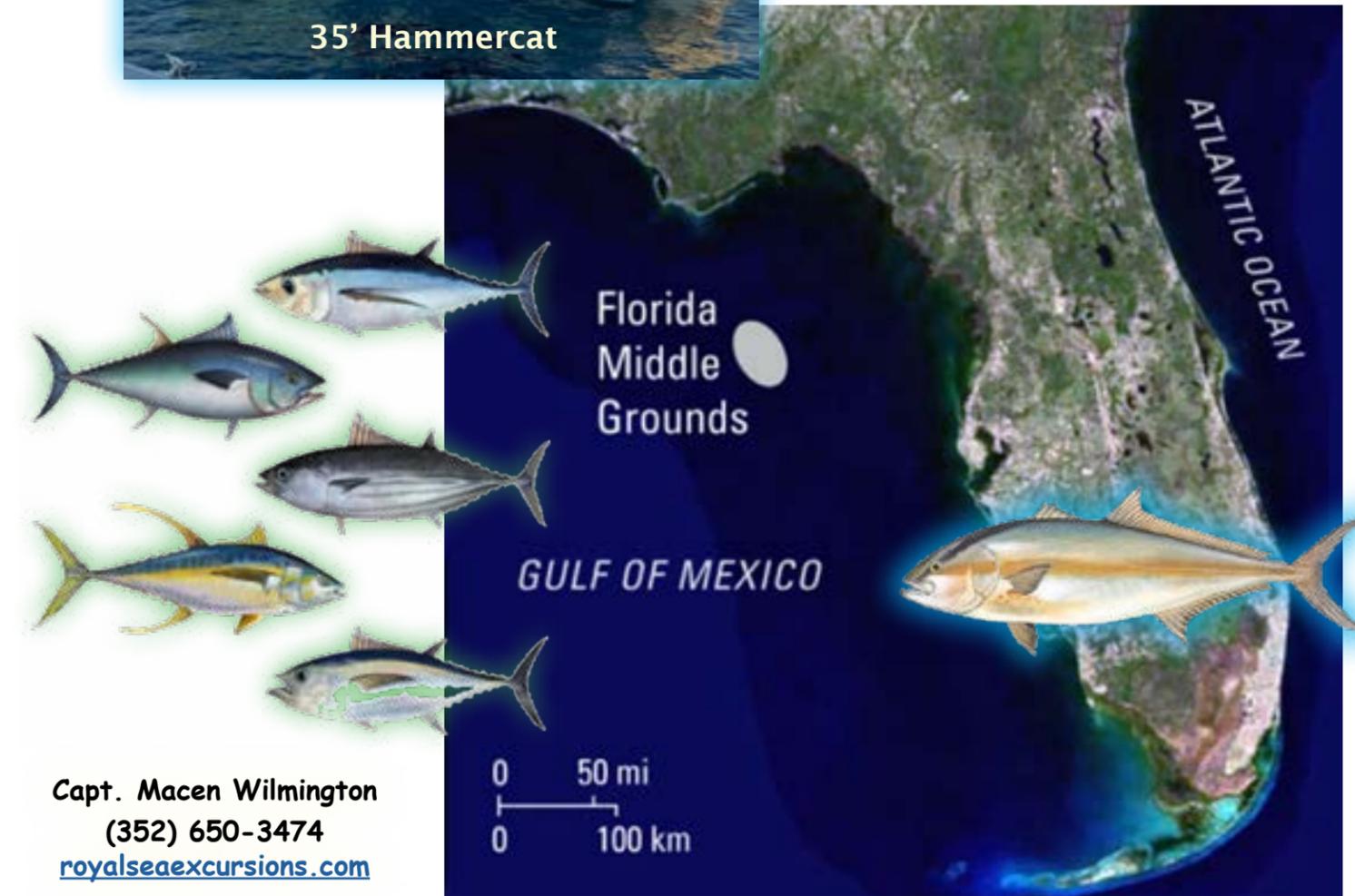


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