

Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers

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Calendar for March, 2017

| Sun | Monday | Tues. | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | Lower Little Manatee Ruskin Level II, 10am | | | Emerson Point Palmetto Level II, 9:30am |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | | | | Downtown Tampa Rick's on the River Level II, 9am |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | Club Meeting Bill Jackson's Pinellas Park 7pm | | Chassahowitzka Homosassa Level I, 9am | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | | | | Qajaqers Festival Lake Placid, FL | Club Picnic and Spring Clean Out Anclote River Park Holiday Level I, II, 9am Level III & 3, 8:30am Qajaqers Festival (cont) |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | April 1 |
| Qajaqers Festival (cont) | | | | | | Alafia River Tampa, Williams Pk Level I, 9am |

Trips & events indicated by this symbol are led by TBSK members.

Join us at the March 13th Club Meeting to hear about Paddle Florida and the Florida Paddling Trail Association!



See page 6 for county-by-county info on
The Great America Clean-Up! Kayakers are a huge help!



Trip & Event Schedule Club Trips (page 1)



| Date | Paddle Difficulty | Description |
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| Wed March 1 10:00 am | Level II Distance: Up to 10 miles | Explore Lower Little Manatee Around Ruskin Meet at Commongood Park boat ramp in Ruskin at 10 a.m. for a paddle around Ruskin an over to Cockroach Bay. Dress appropriately and bring lunch and plenty of water. I will send a Google Map link to those who are coming. Please be sure register on web site or respond to Hank if you plan to come so that we can notify you if plans change due to weather. Contact: Hank Brooks jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com 727-724-8983 |
| Sat March 4 9:30 am | Level II Distance: Approx 8 miles on open water | Emerson Point / Snead Island Circumnavigation - Palmetto Meet at Emerson Point Park (Palmetto) at 9:30 a.m. We will launch by 10:00 a.m. to circumnavigate Snead Island (Emerson Point Park). Participants should be comfortable in open water and capable of paddling 8 miles. What to Bring: Lunch, water, sunscreen, and a kayak cart if you have one. Limited to kayaks 16 ft. or longer with waterproof hatches. Please be sure to register on the web site or RSVP, preferably by email, for directions to the launch site. The launch site will be determined based on the number of participants. Contact: Terry or Charlene Proeger tproeger@comcast.net (941) 356-0854 |
| Sat Mar 11 9:00 am | Level II Distance: 10 miles | Downtown Tampa - Rick's On the River Meet at the beach on Davis Island (next to the yacht club) at 9:00 a.m. We will explore the canals of Davis Island on the way toward Tampa's skyline and Rick's On the River restaurant. We will take out, have lunch and return. Bring \$\$ for lunch and dress in pealable layers. Please be sure register on web site or respond to Hank if you plan to come so that we can notify you if plans change due to weather. Contact: Hank Brooks jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com 727-724-8983 |
| Monday Feb 13 7pm | | Club Meeting - Jackson's Shop for Adventure, Pinellas Park Speaker: Club member, Jill Lingard Jill Lingard is Communications Coordinator for Paddle Florida and President of the Florida Paddling Trail Association . She'll provide an overview of these two paddling organizations, with an emphasis on how all we can all get more involved in their statewide paddling communities. Jill is also in the middle of relocating from Gainesville to Tampa and has already joined TBSK. She looks forward to exploring the waterways of Tampa and surrounding regions. |
| Wed March 15 9:00 am | Level I Distance: Less than 4 miles on protected water | Chassahowitzka River, Homosassa We'll try again (had to cancel the February attempt at this one). We'll plan to meet at Miss Magie's Marina (end of Miss Maggie Drive - left of intersection of US 19 and US 98) at 9:00 for a 9:30 launch to explore the crystal clear upper portion of this beautiful river. We'll visit at least two source springs and have time to enjoy the scenery and wildlife in this uncrowded Florida river. Bring drink and a snack or lunch to eat along the river bank and \$5.00 launch fee at this private facility. All boats are welcome, this paddle will be at a leisurely pace, but be sure to dress appropriately for the weather; PFD's must be worn at all times. Plan to return to Miss Maggie's by around 1:00 - 1:30. Please be sure register on web site or respond to Phil if you plan to come so that we can notify you if plans change due to weather. Difficulty: Level I, less than 4 miles on protected water Contact: Phil Sheesley 813-695-7395 philshesley@hotmail.com |



Trip & Event Schedule Club Trips (page 2)



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| <p>Sat March 25</p> <p>Level I, II, training 9:00am</p> <p>Level III 8:30am</p> | <p>All levels and training</p> | <p>TBSK Picnic - Anclote River Park</p> <p>Anclote River park just north of Tarpon Springs. Drive to the shelters along the river and look for the cars with kayak racks. Remember to bring a dish to share. All paddlers bring water, hat, sunscreen. Also, dress appropriately for the weather in "peelable" layers. If the weather looks iffy, check our web site (www.tbsk.club) to see whether the picnic will be cancelled. (We'll send an email too, but we know sometimes emails can get delayed.)</p> <p>Kayak Spring Clean Out: Clean out your closets & garage and bring unused kayak items to sell, trade or give away. Put on picnic table next to food area with your name & asking price (if you are selling).</p> <p>The March training class will have an emphasis on turning strokes. Several of the strokes that will be covered, but not all, are bow rudder, cross bow rudder, bow draw, stern rudders, and various low and high brace turns. Also, in 2017 we will be having several guest instructors to teach at the picnics. The object is to learn more than one way to perform the skills that Eileen and Tom have been teaching.</p> <p>Contact: Liz Hogrebe food questions elizabethogrebe@aol.com, 727- 421- 4514 Training: Tom Sobocinski and Eileen Burns 9:00am Level I trip leader: Hank Brooks 9:00am Level II trip leader: TBD, 9:00am Level III trip leader: Phil Sheesley, 8:30am</p> |
| <p>Sat April 1</p> <p>9:00 am</p> | <p>Level I plus for distance</p> <p>Distance: About 5 miles</p> | <p>ALAFIA BANKS BIRD SANCTUARY—Tampa</p> <p>Meet Cynthia McGregor (sailingcyn@gmail.com; 305-619-8276 and Al Tillson (altillson@yahoo.com; 813-832-3961) at 9:00AM on Saturday April 1st at Williams Park at 9451 S US 41 in east Hillsborough County. After a brief orientation from a representative of Florida Audubon, we'll launch for a trip down the Alafia River and out to the nearby sanctuary islands (that Audubon administers). The timing of this trip should enable us to see and possibly briefly photograph unusually large numbers of the nesting roseate spoonbills and hopefully the rare American oystercatcher. We'll paddle about 3 hours at a leisurely pace with a lunch break on shore somewhere along the way. For beginners and up who are comfortable in the open bay. Boats must have bulkheads or flotation and a length of at least 12 feet. Please RSVP with one of the trip leaders or on the club website in case weather requires a change of location.</p> <p>Difficulty: Level I plus for distance</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: local ordinances and common sense require that we keep at least 100 feet away from the islands themselves. This means you should be prepared to stay in your boat continuously for as much as 2 ½ hours.</p> |



TIPS FOR REGISTERING FOR A TRIP FROM OUR WEBSITE: tbsk.club

- Ensure you're logged onto the site before trying to register for a trip or posting a blog comment
- If you get frustrated, email the trip leader directly. email addresses can be found on the web site under "Member Directory"
- Notify Webmaster Bill Biles if you have problems (see last page of this newsletter for contact info).



Events

Training from Outfitters

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| Bill Jackson's Pinellas Park | 727-576-4169 adventure@billjacksons.com | http://www.billjacksons.com/classes/ • Introduction to Kayaking - \$78— (Jan 21, 3/11, 5/27, 6/10) |
| Economy Tackle & Dolphin Paddlesports Sarasota | 941-922-9671 kayaktoday@gmail.com | http://www.floridakayak.com/kayaks/kayak-classes/ • Intro to Kayaking: \$60 (Saturdays, Turtle Beach—Siesta Key, RSVP Required) • Intermediate Kayaking—\$75 (Call for date) |
| Sweetwater Kayaks St Petersburg | 727-570-4844 TheS-hop@SweetwaterKayaks.com | http://sweetwaterkayaks.wordpress.com/skills/ • Foundation Skills Kayak Class—\$75 (Call) • Directional Control—\$75 (Call) • Rolling Clinic (\$50) (Call) • Greenland Kayaking—\$50 to \$85 depending on skills covered (call). |

Kayak Camping for TBSK Members

Many of our TBSK members are interested in camping, especially from a kayak. If you are interested in camping, please make sure to let Gary Bernier gwbarnier@gmail.com know. Contact him you need to get in touch with all of the TBSK members interested in camping .

Also, Andy Bartley launched a Facebook Page for TBSK Camping: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1780031405551417/>



Member Requested Trips

Anyone can request a paddle to a location they want to go and we will see if we can find a trip leader to lead the trip for you. Just submit a Trip Request by the 10th of the month prior to your trip so the next newsletter can advertise it with the trip leaders' name.

You Can Do This By Emailing tbsk@tbsk.club with "Trip Request" in the subject line.

1. Put-in and take-out locations
2. Destination and total distance
3. Preferred Date(s) and time
4. Skill level required (see [Trip Planning/Paddling guide on TBSK.club](#))
5. Phone number (should trip leader have questions)

Trip Coordinator will:

- Post this trip request with the monthly “request for trips” which is sent out to trip leaders.
- Notify the person requesting the trip if we can find a trip leader and if the trip can be led exactly as requested, or if some modification to the trip is necessary.

New Places To Paddle

Comments from our member survey observed we always paddle the "same old places". We need to get out of our rut! With that in mind, we are encouraging our trip leaders to expand their paddling horizons. All members should note that we have a "Paddle Places" section on our web site which lists places to paddle in the greater Tampa Bay area (see menu on bottom of the home page).

In "Paddle Places" one of the things you will find is the Pinellas County Paddling Guide, which lists about 100 different places to paddle in Pinellas County - where most of our members live. The link to the guide, which TBSK helped create, is found below:

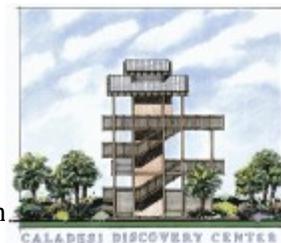
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/blueways/pdf/BluewaysGuide.pdf>

If you have a favorite place to paddle, and it is not listed in "Paddle Places", please contact Hank Brooks at jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com



Friends of the Island Parks (<http://www.islandparks.org>) supports Caladesi Island State Park and Honeymoon Island

- Osprey Trail Walks every Wed, Sat, Sun at 11
- Beach Walks every Friday at 11
- Monthly Shell Show. 3rd Saturday each month at Nature Center, 1pm
- Wildlife Status: http://www.islandparks.org/weather/wildlife_updates.htm
 - Osprey: 15 Active Nests in March, and first chicks spotted March 28th
 - Eagles: 2 Eaglets fully grown and ready to Fledge in March
 - Great horned owls: Owls are not anticipated to nest in the parks this season
 - Sea Turtle: Season runs from May through October. 43 nests were spotted last season
- Visit caladesidiscoverycenter.com to learn about the forthcoming interpretive facility.
- **March 28 - Nature Center Program - Tim Marshall on "Barrier Islands"**



For an update on this year's Sea Turtle Baby Boom, see this article: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/wildlife/baby-boom-sea-turtles-set-new-record-for-nesting-on-pinellas-beaches/2307517>

Florida Paddling Trails Association (FPTA). We are the steward of all of Florida's water trails. Our mission is to develop water trails, protect the environment along the trails, and be a resource and voice for paddlers. Hank Brooks is this Region's Director for FPTA. (Our region is Hillsborough, Pinellas, & Manatee)



The Adventurous Woman. Fishing, Camping, Kayaking, Hikes for women of all skill levels. Meets the 3rd Wednesday at Bill Jackson's. 6:30pm, February-November.

Society for Ethical Ecotourism: Florida SEE is looking for volunteers to help vendors become certified. See info about SEE on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSEE.org>. Info on the volunteer position can be seen here:

- http://www.floridasee.org/docs/Florida_SEE_Assessor_Position_Description_2015.pdf



Paddle Florida <http://www.paddleflorida.org/> **2016-17 Season**

- March 11-17 [Ochlockonee](#) April 7-9, [Suwanee Festival](#)



Tampa Bay Watch: <http://www.tampabaywatch.org>

- Oyster Dome Construction often. Check website. September through April.



Keep Pinellas Beautiful strives to keep our community clean and beautiful. We have many volunteers and adoption programs available in which you can participate. <http://www.mykpb.com/>



Egmont Key Alliance (<http://www.egmontkey.info/>)

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Florida Water Environmental Association: Over 70 years after its creation, FWEA continues to make historic differences in the advancement of the water environment, science and technology, making it a leading professional water organization in Florida. Our history says a lot about the leadership, dedication and hard work. <http://www.fwea.org>

Hernando County is now enforcing a flat five dollars per vehicle fee at its parks. Some parks were \$2.00 for vehicles only. Now its with or without trailer. They sell an annual pass that costs \$75/year for any of the Boat Ramps.

The 2nd annual Traditional Qajaqers of the South (TRAQS) festival will be held March 24-26, 2017 at the Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center in Central Florida. This will be an immersive Greenland kayaking weekend that includes paddling and rolling skills, presentations, morning yoga, kayak games and exposure to Inuit culture. We will be joined by well known mentors Dubsid and Jame Manke. We will also include a full day Greenland paddle making class led by a nationally known instructor. All event and registration information is available on our website <http://traditionalqajaqingfest.org/>

WEEKI WACHEE KAYAK LAUNCH IMPROVEMENT: The Southwest Florida Water Mgt District will be improving the Weeki Wachee Springs State Park canoe and kayak launch beginning Feb. 20. The project is expected to take approximately 60 days to complete.

The main boat launch will be closed during construction, and an alternate launch site will provide access to the spring. Due to the distance from the check-in area at the boathouse to the new launch, guests will be provided a shuttle to the temporary launch site. This project will reduce stormwater pollutants and sediment loading to the Weeki Wachee River. The project includes stabilizing the ramp entrance, constructing concrete curbs, and creating a pervious access path which will allow rainfall to percolate into the soil and reduce runoff into the river.



Great America Clean-Up

PINELLAS COUNTY - www.mykpb.com/

For 23 years Keep America Beautiful has staged a nation wide, volunteer based, community improvement program. During this year's Great American Clean-Up affiliates, such as Keep Pinellas Beautiful, will rally together volunteers in our community, from March 1 through May 31, to clean up our parks, public areas and waterways.



Sites are assigned on a first come basis! Sign up today. Volunteer advance registration is not necessary for walkup sites. Groups consisting of 10 or more volunteers are encouraged to call the KPB office (727-533-0402) so that we will not have too many volunteers at one location.

Kayakers Needed for March 4th and April 1st!

- **March 4th - Clearwater, Lake Bellevue
- March 11th - Gulfport, Clam Bayou Nature Preserve
- March 18th - Clearwater, Pier 60
- March 18th - Indian Rocks Beach
- March 18th - Madeira Beach
- March 18th - St. Petersburg, Coffee Pot Bayou
- March 18th - St. Petersburg, Sunshine Skyway Fishing Pier
- March 18th - St. Petersburg, Weedon Island
- March 18th - St. Petersburg, Williams Park
- March 18th - St. Pete Beach
- March 18th - Tarpon Springs, Sunset Beach
- March 18th - Tarpon Springs, Brooker Creek Preserve (Invasive Species Removal)
- March 18th - Tierra Verde, Ft. Desoto Park
- March 18th - Tierra Verde, Tampa Bay Watch Facility
- March 25th - St. Petersburg, Crescent Lake (Invasive Species Removal)
- March 25th - Indian Shore Beach
- March 26th - Dunedin Causeway
- **April 1st - Clearwater, Allen's Creek
- May 6th - North Gandy Beach

Hillsborough County - April 22 - www.keeptampabaybeautiful.org

Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful recruits volunteers, Site Captains, Area Managers and local sponsors to foster unity and strengthen community bonds through beautification and improvement efforts across Hillsborough County. For more than twenty years, this locally activated community improvement program brings the power of volunteers and sponsors together to inspire change and build sustainable, vibrant communities.



The theme – Clean Your Block Party– is a call to action to create more sustainable communities by focusing volunteer efforts on activities that impact individuals in need, aesthetic community improvements and environmental impact. Volunteers of all ages are welcome and any individual, family, school, group, place of worship, business or government entity can coordinate or participate in an average of 80 simultaneous projects around the area.

Projects may include Litter cleanups (waterways, roadways, shorelines, parks and underwater dives)

To help do something beautiful, contact Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful at (813) 221-8733 to lead a community location..

Pasco County - March 11 - www.keeppascobebautiful.org

Pasco County is encouraging residents to take part in the 2017 Great American Cleanup. The annual beautification project will be held throughout Pasco County on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 8 a.m. to noon. Every year, Pasco County residents join the national tradition of shared community responsibility by picking up litter.



Pasco County has been part of the Great American Cleanup since 1992. During last year's Great American Cleanup of Pasco County, 484 volunteers picked up 29 tons of trash – equaling 58,000 pounds!

Teams are registered to take part in the 2017 Great American Cleanup in several areas – including Dade City, Holiday, Moon Lake, Lacoochee, Port Richey and Crystal Springs. This is a great event for high school students to earn community service hours.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Great American Cleanup can call 727.856.7252 or send an e-mail to: kking@pascocountyfl.net.

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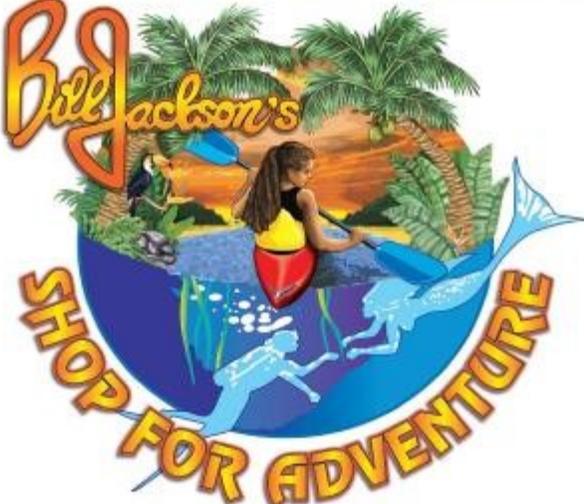

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Kayak Bumper Cars On the Weeki Wachee River - Feb 11

Story by John Marek & Hank Brooks, Pictures By Tom Kolmar and John Marek

For February, this was an absolutely gorgeous day to paddle. The temperature was in the mid 70's by the time we were ready to launch.

We scheduled two TBSK paddles on the Weeki Wachee for Feb 11th. Hank Brooks lead a downstream paddle while John Marek lead one from Rodgers Park up to meet the other group and then back down stream. The Level II group was paddling 6 miles, while the Level II plus group was going to do 12 miles. The first group met at about 8am, while the downstream group met at 10am. The two group met about a quarter of mile from Weeki Wachee Park, where the Level II group launched (at the rental put in).

Hank had arranged this trip for a weekend in February assuming that on a normally cold day, people would not be flocking to the river. Hank had figured wrong! Besides TBSK, there was a river race from Rogers Park to the spring head and back (these were serious racers). The outfitters must have rented every boat they had in inventory and other outfitters were putting boats on the river. Of course there were also power boats. Hank's estimates there must have been several hundred boats on the 6 mile stretch of river from Rogers Park to the spring head. John counted over a hundred. No sooner had Hank launched than his group heard, "Racer coming thru". Two paddlers in a tandem, each tagged with an official race number, were straining to find a good line to paddle upriver while at the same time avoiding the hoard of boats on the river. Then there were the newbie paddlers who did not know how to control their boats. As their boats headed downstream at a good pace, they were on a collision course with either the bushes or another boat. They would often yell, "Look out, I can't control this thing!" before making contact.

The Weeki Wachee is always very nice paddle... with picturesque scenery .. blue river bottom. And at this time of year Manatees can be seen on the river .. many at Hospital Hole this year.

Once you overlooked the madness, the Weeki Wachee revealed her usual beautiful secrets - crystal clear water, visions of fish and turtles swimming about under your boat, the palm trees lining the river, blue colored river bottom and, yes, the manatees were seen at Hospital Hole.

The two TBSK groups passed one another with greetings from each group. Hank's group took out along a river sand bar to have lunch while John's group took out for lunch at the head waters.

Despite the crowd, it was a nice paddle. However, Hank observed, "next time I don't think I will go on a weekend".

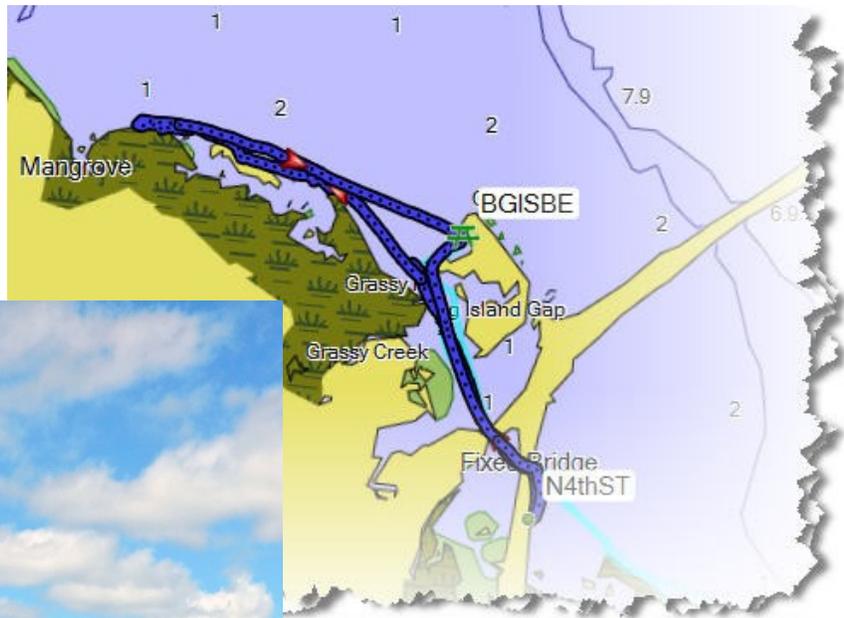




Old Tampa bay - Feb 19

Photos by Bill Biles

All Tillson led a leisurely pace trip of 6 miles or so on Old Tampa Bay, beginning at the St. Pete North 4th Street bridge. They started a bit late to get a much better tide level.





Dead Spring Running

Story reprinted from blog by Lars Anderson

<https://riverguidesjournal.blogspot.com/2017/01/dead-spring-running.html>

Hornsby Spring is dying. Once a deep blue gusher that added over 60 million gallons of cool artesian spring water to the Santa Fe River basin every day--the only first magnitude spring in Alachua County--its cobalt blue water has turned tannic brown.

The tipping point came in the early 2000's, when a one-two punch of extreme drought followed closely by high flooding, caused the spring to reverse flow. Geologists call this kind of reversed spring an estavelle. When conditions returned to normal, Hornsby and a few other springs in the upper Santa Fe River basin were brown.

People who love these springs visit them like concerned family members. We arrive with guarded optimism, pay quiet respects, conjure a few happy memories and then walk away saddened by the mounting acceptance that these springs are dying. Yes, the pool is still full and yes, the water that gushes from the vent still flows in an elegant stream through a spectacular swamp hardwood forest. But much of the water is brown river water that fell into the plumbing system and regurgitated by the same forces that have always powered the spring. It contains less artesian water than it once did; less of the water that had filtered slowly through the limestone and re-merged only after a relatively-long residence time underground. This spring is as dying as surely as a lightning struck pine.

In my early years as an arborist, it took many hope-filled disappointments before I learned to confidently tell my customers that their beautiful, lightning-struck pine tree was dead as a rock, even though it was still vibrant green. I would point to the narrow streak running down the trunk and into the ground and explain that the trees roots were fried. But because the vascular system of xylem and phloem was still intact and it was still full of life-giving nutrients and water, it would continue going through the motions for weeks or even months to come. Like the death row prisoner who they call a "dead man walking," these vibrant-looking pines were actually dead trees standing. Sometimes it would take as long as a year. But, in the end, the tree would die and I'd get the "you were right" call and we'd schedule a removal.

Like the pine, the vascular system under Hornsby is still intact and still full of fluid. But it's not the purely artesian spring water that once flowed from the vent, not the water to which every habitat, every species and every individual creature that lives along the spring run and Santa Fe River, from here to the Gulf of Mexico, is adapted. The chemistry of tannic brown river water is different from artesian water. The temperature, too, is different. It's also less clear, which means less light penetrates to the bottom and fewer plant species can thrive. Fewer plants means fewer animals. Many species have survived the transition. Some have not.

Just as I learned that green pines with lightning streaks running into the ground are actually dead, I'm learning from watching Hornsby, Graham, Columbia and several other once-blue springs of the upper Santa Fe that, even though the plumbing is still working, browning springs are in their death-throes. But, there are a couple of big differences between dying pines and dying springs.

For one thing, humans are not responsible for lightning struck trees. Insurance companies label them, "acts of God." The death of our springs, on the other hand, is being caused by humans. It's a reversible tragedy. But saving the springs would take special kind of miracle—a committed effort by Florida voters (that's us) and decision-makers we elect.



Info for TBSK.club

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| <p>Board Members</p> <p>President John Marek 813 951 5650 tampajohn@gmail.com</p> <p>Vice President Mary Mangiapia 941 539 3537 mamagia@gmail.com</p> <p>Trip Coordinator Bob Morris 727 804 3636 remorrisfa@aol.com</p> <p>Membership Coordinator Steve Loeven 516 729 3297 sl72056@yahoo.com</p> <p>Training/Safety Coordinator Tom Sobocinski 727 348 1184 Sobocinskithomas1@gmail.com</p> <p>Activities Coordinators Liz Hogrebe 727 421 4514 elizhogrebe@aol.com</p> <p>Webmaster Bill Biles 727 204 5511 wcbiles@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary/ Treasurer Hank Brooks 727 724 8983 jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com</p> <p>Newsletter Editor Bryan Katz 813 501 7270 bkatz@alum.rpi.edu</p> | <p>TBSK MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS</p> <p>Stolen Kayak: Seaward stolen from home in Holiday, FL. It's an older boat. Bought used about 2005. It's about 18', yellow, white and black. Sweetwater and Shadow decals on the bow. Contact Gary Bernier: gwbernier@gmail.com (exp 4/30).</p> <p>For Sale: THULE roof rack locking crossbar system with coated square bars. Accommodates accessories that clamp onto bars. Used, but sturdy, good condition. \$50. Contact Pamella 727.520.7903. (exp 6/30)</p> <p>For Sale: Nigel Dennis Romany Kayak. Missing one hatch cover, but otherwise in excellent condition. Has been garage kept. Asking \$1700. baltman2121@verizon.net (exp 6/30)</p>  <p><i>Classified Ads Policy: Any TBSK member may place a classified ad. The ad is free for the first six months. After six months ad expires. May be maintained for \$5 per month. Please notify the editor when item is sold.</i></p> | <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Beginning BALANCE</td> <td>\$5416</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">INCOME</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dues</td> <td>\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">EXPENSES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Picnic Shelter</td> <td>\$365</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Holiday Party</td> <td>\$206</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office Supplies</td> <td>\$20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State Filing Fee</td> <td>\$61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Box</td> <td>\$86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>\$4708</td> </tr> </table> <p>Welcome New Members!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Dealy • Jackie Whitaker <p>Members that renewed this month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Gralnick | Beginning BALANCE | \$5416 | INCOME | | Dues | \$50 | EXPENSES | | Picnic Shelter | \$365 | Holiday Party | \$206 | Office Supplies | \$20 | State Filing Fee | \$61 | PO Box | \$86 | Ending Balance | \$4708 |
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| Picnic Shelter | \$365 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Holiday Party | \$206 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Office Supplies | \$20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Filing Fee | \$61 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PO Box | \$86 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ending Balance | \$4708 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

It's time to go thru that mound of kayak stuff at your house and do some spring cleaning. Gather the stuff you seldom or never use and bring it to the March 25 TBSK Paddle-Picnic at Anclote River Park. Simply place your item(s) on the designated empty picnic table with a note that the item is to be sold (put the asking price & your name) or traded (include your name on the item) or given away (put "free" on the item). Remember, the lower the price, the better chance that you will clear a space in your house/garage and not have to drag your item back home. For comments or questions contact Hank at jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com



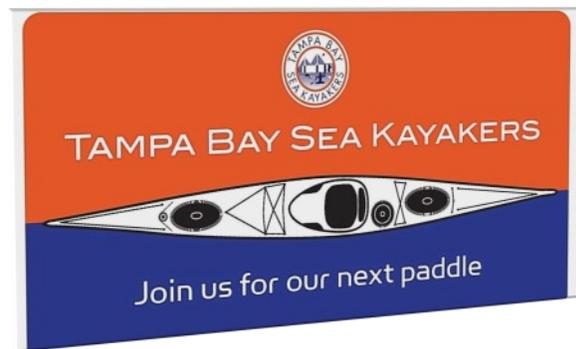


Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers Become A Member

You may join TBSK online using your web browser. Just go to the link <http://www.tbsk.club> and click "Join Us" at the top of the page. You can pay club dues at the end of the process.

To join the Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers by mail, click on "Join Us" at the top of the TBSK web site. Click on the Liability / Waiver Form. Print the form and send it to the address listed at the bottom of this page. The application and waiver form are also available at TBSK meetings held at Bill Jacksons Store on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

We hope to see you at our next TBSK event!



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