



# TVFF Club News

January 2021



## January Program - Jim Sauerheber



Jim Sauerheber owns and guides for Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing. His home water is the Cumberland River in Southern Kentucky. Jim has a lot of experience fly fishing around the United States and is also very familiar with some of our home waters in Tennessee. Please join us while he shares his fishing knowledge and book a trip up there sometime soon! Kentucky is not too far away for a nice weekend getaway!

Jim has donated a guided trip to TVFF. We will auction it at a later date. More info is on page 4.

### TVFF Secretary Needed

David Hatfield, has been an excellent officer for TVFF but he has decided to step down due to work and personal commitments. The Board is seeking a candidate to fill the Secretary's office for the 2021-2022 term. The duties include recording minutes at the quarterly Board of Directors meetings and maintaining the records of the club. Contact [Steve Kerkhof](#) or any Board member if you would like to get involved.

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### This Month's Activities

- Jan 14 Fly Tying– Virtual 7:00 PM
- Jan 21 Meeting – Virtual 7:00 PM
- Jan 28 Fly Tying – Virtual 7:00 PM
- Feb 4 BOD Mtg – Virtual 7:00 PM



### BOD Minutes

BOD minutes are now available for review at the monthly meetings.

Members can read the minutes by simply asking the Club Secretary, David Hatfield.



# TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted online via Zoom video conferencing software until further notice.

2 Kit Pick Up Locations  
See Details below



## 14 January - 7PM via Zoom

### Amy's Ant- Featured Tyer, Steve Kerkhof

This pattern was created by Jack Dennis at the request of his wife and his friend Dick Cheney who planned to enter the Jackson Hole One Fly contest in 1999. The fly was the winner in 1999 and 2000. It is a stonefly pattern based on three flies, Amy's Golden Stone, Chernobyl ant and the Chocolate Ant.

Materials:

- Thread: 6/0, 140 denier thread, tan or brown
- Hook: #6 to #12 Tiemco 5262 or 5263 hook
- Underbody: 2 mm tan foam
- Overbody: 2 mm brown foam
- Legs: Brown medium round rubber legs
- Hackle: Grey, brown saddle hackle
- Body: Olive Krystal Chenille
- Underwing: Rainbow Krystal Flash
- Overwing: Elk or deer hair



## 28 January 7PM

### Bass Gurgler - Featured Tyer, Joe Tremblay

Ever want to tie a bass size popper but didn't have popper heads on hand? Well here's a very effective bass bug on you can make using craft foam, some marabou, chenille, rubber legs and a bit of flash.

Materials:

- Thread: Olive Woolly Nylon or 3/0 tying
- Hook: #4 Saber 7060 Bass Bug/Salmon hook
- Weed Guard: Mason Hard Mono 16lbs
- Body: 2 or 3mm craft foam, med Palmer Chenille @ rubber legs
- Eyes: Plastic peg eyes (optional)
- Legs: Rubber legs
- Tail: Marabou, Flashabou @ rubber legs



### PICK UP LOCATIONS

Free tying kit available in Huntsville at the south door of Faith Presbyterian Church and in **Madison** at the Hwy 72 in Madison Super Walmart parking lot (behind Panda Express) from 6:30 to 7:30 PM the Wednesday prior to the tying session. (Mail \$2.00 donation to TVFF, P.O. Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815 if desired)

**Health Notice: By picking up a kit, you accept any and all health risks that may be associated with use of these kits.**

## Catch of the Month

I bet you haven't seen one of these before. You get bonus points if you can identify it. It looks like the inspiration for a character from a Star Wars movie. Connor Baker caught this Northern Hogsucker on the Elk River on December 13<sup>th</sup>. He was fishing for trout using a zebra midge.

It just shows that you never know what you will see or what you might catch, but you have to put your line in the water first.

Dana was fishing with Connor on the same trip and sent this picture of the target species. Caught on a bead head prince nymph.



You can e-mail your picture to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club) or [Steve Kerkhof](#). Please include the fisherman's name, body of water, approximate date and any other interesting details.

## The Last Remaining Flocks of Gallos de Leon are Dwindling

*For centuries, chicken breeders in a rural corner of Spain have produced feathers prized by fly fishermen. But economic hardships and environmental degradation threaten to end a way of life.*

QUINO DIEZ THUMBS THROUGH the thick mane of feathers on a rooster he holds to his chest. The pattern of yellow-orange and brown identify this rooster as a *flor de escoba*, just one of the 80 variations of the Spanish chicken breed known as Gallo de León... [click to read more](#)





**This notice is required by the TVFF Bylaws:** The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. It will be a virtual meeting using Zoom. All members are welcome. Meeting details will be provided later.

## **Fly Fishing Trip Auction (Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing)**

Jim Sauerheber, the speaker for our January Program, has donated a guided fly fishing trip to TVFF as a way to promote his business, [Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing](#). Jim guides on the Cumberland River in Kentucky. According to the website the price of a full day trip is \$350 for two fisherman, \$300 for one fisherman. The price includes lunch, water, soft drinks, and fishing equipment.

TVFF plans to auction the trip in February, probably by an email version of a silent auction. The proceeds of the auction go to TVFF. The winner can schedule a date with Jim for the spring or summer of 2021.

## **From the Editor – Steve Kerkhof**

This is my last edition of the newsletter before I transition to the role of President. The new newsletter editor is Dana Beyerle. Please give him the same support that you have given me.

I want to thank several people who have made contributions to the newsletter in the past year. First is Joe Tremblay who provided an article, photo essay, cartoon, or artwork every month. Larry Hice often sends me a picture, news from other clubs or links to interesting fishing articles and videos. Articles and/or pictures were provided by Connor Baker, Casey Jonas, Jarrod Schneider, Debbie Hill, Ted Crona, David Darnell, Jonathan Craft, Fred Kaufmann,,Greg Bayuga, and Bob Lowery. Thanks to all of you and my apologies to anyone that I forgot.

## **Trout Fishing at Madison County Public Fishing Lake Begins Nov. 27**

Trout season at Madison County Public Fishing Lake will open Friday, November 27, 2020. During the season, the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) will stock more than 3,000 pounds of rainbow trout ranging in size from 1 to 2 pounds. The daily creel limit is four trout per angler. A \$5 Daily Trout Permit is required in addition to a valid freshwater fishing license in order to fish for trout. Trout anglers may also fish for bass, bluegill, catfish and crappie. Anglers can purchase their freshwater fishing licenses at various license vendors throughout the state or online at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com). For more information about Madison County Public Fishing Lake, call lake managers Chris or Cole Coultas at (256) 776-4905; the WFF Fisheries Section at (334) 242-3471; or [www.outdooralabama.com/alabama-public-fishing-lakes-pfls/madison-county-pfl](http://www.outdooralabama.com/alabama-public-fishing-lakes-pfls/madison-county-pfl).

## **Zoom Meeting Instructions**

You will receive a Zoom meeting invitation in the TVFF reminder email that is sent on Sunday evening before a scheduled fly tying night or club meeting. There are 3 ways to join the meeting. You can copy/paste the link in the invitation into your browser OR go to <https://zoom.us> and click "Join A Meeting" in the upper right of the screen OR if you have installed the Zoom app then you can open the app and enter the meeting number and password from the invitation. If prompted you should click yes to allow Zoom to use the camera and microphone on your computer, then we can see you and hear you in the meeting. You may be placed in a Zoom "waiting room" when you first join. Be patient and you will be admitted to the meeting by a host or cohost. This is another layer of security for our online meetings.



## Fly Tying Stations

– *Ted Crona*

*I talked to Ted On 12/29 and he says these are still available. Get a gift for yourself and help the club too. –The editor*

Since I have been hanging around the house for months and doing some woodworking to keep busy, I would like to offer for sale: 2 portable tying stations---one left and one right hand.

The right hand station is slightly smaller – nominal 12" X 16" with Cabelas vise.

The left hand station is nominal 13" X 17" with left hand Danvise.

Because of the differences in the vises, right hand is priced at \$90.00 ( \$70 for station and \$20 for vise); the left is priced at \$130.00 – (\$70 for station and \$60 for vise)

Both are to be sold as is; to be picked up at 1272 Campground Circle, Scottsboro, AL.

HALF of price will be given back to TVFF as a donation. These are nice Christmas presents.

If you are interested call Ted Crona at 256-574-4345 or by email at [tedcrona@yahoo.com](mailto:tedcrona@yahoo.com)



Right Handed Tyers



Left Handed Tyers

## Donovan Lakes Spring Trip

The bass fishing trip to Donovan Lakes, near Marion, AL, is in the planning stages. It will be sometime in May but the date is not set. Joe Tremblay is organizing the trip. Look for details in the February newsletter. The Lodge is a renovated farmhouse with two adjacent hotel-like rooms, each with a bath. There are accommodations for 6.

We need to match boat owners with non-boat owners. Kayak fisherman need to fish in pairs for safety. Donovan Lakes contains trophy largemouth bass. There are plenty of four pound bass and eight pounders have been caught there. There are several lakes on the property that provide variety. It is usually a five day trip during the week. To keep the costs down we share lodging expenses, prepare most of our own meals and share the cost of groceries.

The trip usually fills up quickly, so start thinking about it now. It will require a non-refundable deposit if your reservation is not filled by someone on the wait list.

## For Sale

TVFF member Jim Burchette has decided to sell his 18 foot Xpress fishing boat with 90 HP Yamaha outboard and trailer. It has been well cared for and has some customizations for fly fishing. Contact Jim Burchette, 919-210-8492, [jburch01@aol.com](mailto:jburch01@aol.com)

- 2004 18-foot Xpress, center console, bought new
- Console windshield and grab rail, tach/hr gauge
- Stainless steel helm wheel (new this year)
- Very stable and clean fly-fishing craft
- Xpress gray hull and textured spray interior coating. No dents or dings
- 90 hp Yamaha 4 stroke, 306 hours on the meter.
- Stainless steel prop. • Motor tuned up summer of 2020 at 302 hours
- Non-ethanol gas has always been used
- Hummingbird dept finder
- Minnkota 72# thrust Great White hand-held control 24V trolling motor.
- Marine radio.
- Master on/off electrical switch.
- Onboard 3 bank charging station.
- Bow and stern raised casting decks with LOTS of storage under each deck.
- Port and starboard fly rod holders with tubes in/under the forward casting deck.
- Runs great, no mechanical issues. Starts on the first or second turn. Runs like a bandit.
- Foam core between hull and interior wall. Quiet!!!
- Annual maintenance always performed (oil, filter, lower end lube, plugs, oil/water filter).
- Trailer hubs were replaced 2018 (no issues with old hubs, just thought it would be best).
- Tires and spare replaced in 2018.
- Galvanized trailer.
- Has been garage kept much of its life.
- \$10,000 OBO





## Has your email address changed?

If you get a new email address or want your TVFF email to go to a different address then send an email to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club) and we will make the change for you. If you stop receiving your TVFF emails then check your Spam folder or Junk folder first, then send an email to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club) and we'll help.

## Casting for Recovery Fly Boxes

The picture shows one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to Casting for Recovery in 2019. We would like to do it again. If you are interested then just tie 14 copies of any fly that you'd like to tie. Bring your flies to any club activity and we will get them to Debbie Hill, our Membership Director and a Casting for Recovery volunteer. TVFF will provide the boxes if you provide the flies. **Debbie is accepting cash donations to purchase fly boxes for 2021.** You can find out more about Casting for Recovery here <https://castingforrecovery.org/>. There will be further details about when the flies are needed in a future newsletter.



## Fill-A-Box (When we meet at church)

Faith Presbyterian Church sponsors this program to assist seniors in our community that are identified as food insecure. Please help TVFF support this worthwhile activity by bringing one item from the list below to the next meeting.

- 1 box of low-sugar, high fiber CEREAL
- 1-2 boxes of instant OATMEAL
- 1-2 boxes of BREAKFAST BARS
- 4-5 cans of TUNA, HAM, CHICKEN
- 6-8 cans of low-sugar FRUIT
- 6-8 cans of SOUP
- 6-8 cans of low-salt VEGTABLES
- 3-5 boxes of LOW-PREP MEALS (Hamburger Helper, Mac n Cheese)
- 2-3 bottles/jars of Condiments (mayo, ketchup, oil, etc.)
- 1 jar of PEANUT BUTTER
- 1-2 packs of SNACKS/DESSERT



## Fill-A-Box





# TVFF Job Jar YOU CAN HELP!

Click on a Job listed below and send an email to volunteer or to obtain additional information.  
This is your opportunity to support TVFF without signing up for a long term commitment.  
Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

[Manage the TVFF Job Jar](#) - Update this page monthly and coordinate requests.

[Provide flies for the TVFF Casting for Recovery \(CfR\) Fly Box](#) – Tie or purchase 14 flies of the same pattern for the TVFF CfR Fly Box. Contact the [TVFF program manager](#) prior to selecting the pattern to avoid duplicates. Fly boxes will be donated annually.

CfR provides free healing retreats for women breast cancer survivors in various stages of treatment and recovery. CfR's retreats offer women opportunities to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature.

[Club News Contributor](#) - Provide the Communication Director content of interest geared toward our members such as activities, articles, trip reports, etc.

[Official TVFF Photographer\(s\)](#) - Photograph TVFF events and email photos to the Communication Director.

[Safety Pin Flies](#) - Tie some safety pin flies to be given to visitors at TVFF outreach activities. This simple to tie pattern is very popular with younger visitors. Demand is always great and outstrips our supply; we never have enough.

[Manage TVFF Calendar](#) - Update TVFF Google Calendar with events provided by BOD.

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