



TVFF Club News

September 2018



National Day of Service and Remembrance

September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of efforts, originally launched in 2002 that promotes community service on 9/11 as an annual and forward-looking tribute to the 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose up in service in response to the attacks.

Ballot Day – All active members are encourage to vote

There will 2 referendums voted on at the September 18 meeting.

The first is approval of the revised bylaws. The revised bylaws include government non-profit requirements , Fly Fishers International charter club requirements and as well as other updates the Board of Directors deemed appropriate. Additional information is available on page 4.

The second is a request for the necessary funds to host a Fly Fishing Film Tour in 2019. Additional details and cost breakdown is also available on page 4.

Updated Fishing Reports

[Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#) – Little River Outfitters (Daily)
[White and Norfolk Rivers](#) – Cotter Trout Lodge (Weekly)

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This Month's Activities

- 8 Sept - TVFF Monthly Outing
- 13 Sept - Fly Tying, 7pm, room 201
- 20 Sept – Club Meeting, 7 pm, room 201
- 27 Sept - Fly Tying, 7pm, room 201



Participation Award

Must be active member to participate

Don't miss out!

Winning is easy! Simply pay your 2018 dues and attend any TVFF function.



TVFF Fly Tying Group

West Yellowstone Hopper- Featured Tyer, Dick Curtis

13 September: Dick first came across this simple guide style hopper while on a guided trip in Yellowstone. Although it was productive at the time, it managed to find its way to the back of the fly box and forgotten until a recent trip to the Green River.

Fishing on the Green River was slow until Dick tied one on. The West Yellowstone Hopper was an immediate success. Catch rate went from one every now and then to one every cast. come join Dick, bring some 6/0 tan thread and a hair stacker, and he'll share the tying steps for this fly.



West Yellowstone Hopper

Gadwall Fly - Featured Tyer, Ted Crona

27 September: One of Ted's original patterns, this fly is produced from a single Gadwall flank feather by cutting section out approximately 3/16" wide for both the body and wings.

Use as a soft hackle wet fly. Head can be either red, black, orange or brown.

All are welcomed! Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or even designed.



Gadwall Fly

Join us for 2 hour sessions held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 PM.

Catch of the Month – Dick Curtis

Dick caught this beautiful 22" brown was caught in Utah's Flaming Gorge tailwaters on a West Yellowstone Hopper.

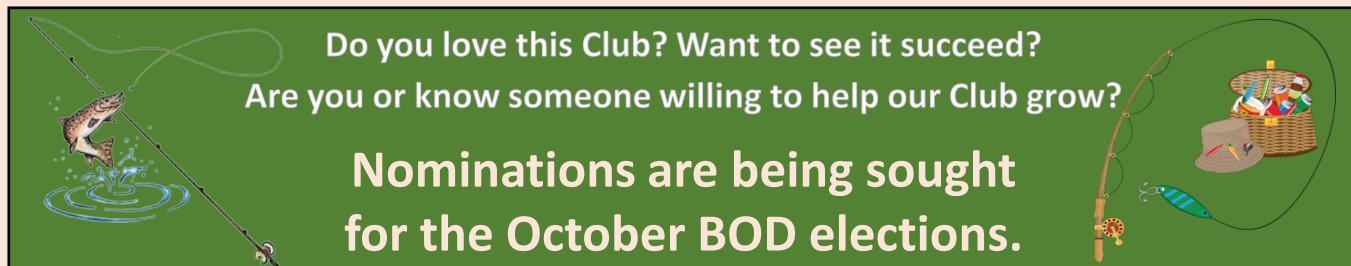
Possibly the best tailwater fishery in the U.S, high canyon walls and it's remote location makes much of the Green River accessible only by drift boat.

With some class II and III rapids along the way, a float trip down the Green River is exciting in more ways than one.



Send your fish photos to editor@tvff.club

Please include; location, size, species, fly, etc.



2018 TVFF Board of Directors Elections

The success of our club depends greatly on the participation of its members and their willingness to serve. Every year we canvas our members looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity for you to serve the club and our community.

The term of office for **President, Treasurer, Activities Director, Communications Director and Membership Director** run out at the end of December. Nominations to fill these important positions are being accepted.

Think about the impact you could have on the club, fellow fishermen, and your favorite fishing holes! It doesn't take years of experience. All it takes is a willingness to serve.

Still worried? don't be. You won't have to start from scratch. Much of the ground work has been done and current and outgoing board members stand ready to assist you.

[Click Here](#) for more information on how you can make a difference , submit your name, or nominate a friend, for any of the following positions; **President, Treasurer, Activities Director, Communications Director and Membership Director**. Be sure to state which position you wish to serve in.

Your participation is vital to the growth and well being of our club.





Referendums



Fellow Members,

16 August 2018

There will be two referendums requiring your vote at the 20 September Club Meeting. The first is the approval of the revised TVFF Bylaws and the second is a funding request for a screening of the Fly Fishing Film Tour.

Approve revised TVFF Bylaws: On the 17th of July 2018, the Tennessee Valley Fly Fishers became incorporated as a Alabama nonprofit corporation. This was the first step in becoming a federally recognized nonprofit organization. In order to complete the process it was necessary to rewrite the TVFF Bylaws.

The revised Bylaws will be submitted to FFI within the upcoming weeks and will require approval by the membership at the 20 September Club meeting. You are urged to review the attached Bylaws prior to casting your vote.

Revised TVFF Bylaws

Request funding to host an affiliate screening of the Fly Fishing Film Tour in 2019: An affiliate screening of the Fly Fishing Film Tour will be a fun event for club members and the general public to attend that is unlike any of the TVFF's other events. It will also be an excellent opportunity to recruit new club members that have not been reached by the club's other outreach efforts. The intent is for the cost of the event to be recouped through the event itself.

Cost breakdown:

Film licensing fee and swag package: \$1,500

Licensing fee contingency (price was raised by \$100 at the last minute last year): \$100

Venue cost: \$100

Contingency for other expenses: \$300

Total Cost (not to exceed): \$2,000

This vote will take place at the TVFF September monthly meeting. An email ballot will be set out a few days prior to the meeting for anyone wanting to cast a vote that won't be able to attend the meeting.

Questions regarding the Fly Fishing Film Tour may o be directed to Brian Bouma (256-468-8218, boumab@gmail.com).

Thank You
Bill Pittenger
President



TVFF Upcoming Outings

TVFF Monthly Outing – Jones Farm Park 8 Sept 7AM - 10AM

TVFF monthly outings will be geared toward those checking out fly fishing for the first time, who may not own waders or even their own rod and reel outfit (rod and reel outfits owned by the club will be available for anyone to use).

This is a great opportunity to get an introductory casting lesson, learn a knot or two, and catch a fish on a fly. All are welcome to attend.

This month's outing will be at Jones Farm Park on 4 Mile Post Road in Jones Valley, west of Carl T. Jones Dr./Bailey Cove Rd. There are 2 ponds at the park that hold a good number of bass and bream.

Although the official start is 7 am, the early bird gets the worm. So come a little early when fishing is best.

Come join us at the next monthly outing, and remind yourself of what can be so great about this club and the sport we all love!

Please contact TVFF's Director of Activities, Larry Hice with any questions or for help with directions to the outing location. (cell: 256-508-2344, lhice@plasticfusion.com).

Annual Aldridge Creek Cleanup – Oct 27

As a conservation activity, TVFF proudly adopted part of Aldridge Creek, and it's time to do our part maintaining it! The city provides cleaning supplies including trash bags, can catchers and gloves and the club provides the manpower. Wet wading is possible as the creek is knee high in most areas, but there are some areas where deep pools, weedy or muddy bottoms that make waders highly advisable. Don't have waders, no problem, there are plenty of other areas you can assist.

Beverages, snacks and lunch will be provided for all participants. Clean-up will start at 9 a.m. and last until 11 a.m., followed by lunch at Rolo's Café on Airport Road. Your help will be greatly appreciated! Join us for a morning of fun and community service; and don't be surprised to hear "Thank-you" from appreciative walkers, joggers and cyclists.

Plan on attending email Corey Pedogo at cbpedigo21@gmail.com. Your timely response will enable us to obtain adequate supplies and refreshments.



November Florida Bass Fishing Opportunity Two Spaces Available

November 2018 Camp Mack Bass Trip - by Joe Tremblay

Last February I participated in an exploratory bass fishing trip to Lake Wales Florida with mixed results. The location was ideal with numerous lakes and ponds within a short drive and our comfortable riverfront accommodations at Camp Mack provided access to Kissimmee River Chain of Lakes without having to trailer your boat.

As it turned out, February was not the optimum time to fish for bass in Florida. We caught bass but nothing to crow about. I and other members of our crew quizzed a number of the local fishermen as to the best time to catch bass on topwater and all were in agreement. November is topwater time! One fisherman I talked to said "It's hard not to catch a bass on topwater in November". So before leaving for home, we booked the cabin for the 4th through the 11th of November.

The 3 bedroom cabin sleeps 6 comfortably. Currently Bill Pittenger, Dick Curtis, Everett Sharp and I are going and we have room for 2 more. With 6, the cost of the cabin for the entire week comes to \$200 per person or \$235 with 5. Other expenses include shared transportation and meals. We do have a kitchen, so we normally eat breakfast and one other meal in every day.

The only requirement is the person(s) joining our group must have a boat. The marina at Camp Mack only rents pontoon boats and does not list the daily rental cost. I would not recommend kayaks or boats that are not equipped with an outboard.

Don't have plans for November, join us for what will surely be an adventure.

Contact Joe Tremblay at Editor@tvff.club for more Information.



Camp Mack Store & Patio



Camp Mack Boat Ramp



Prime Bass Habitat

The Bare Essentials of Fly Fishing - by Donald Dehm

What do you need to fly fish? What are the bare essentials you need to get started in fly fishing? These are questions we hear often when we are out fishing at our favorite spots. In this article we will answer those questions by explaining what the bare essentials are and how they all go together.

The bare essentials you will need to get started in fly fishing are:

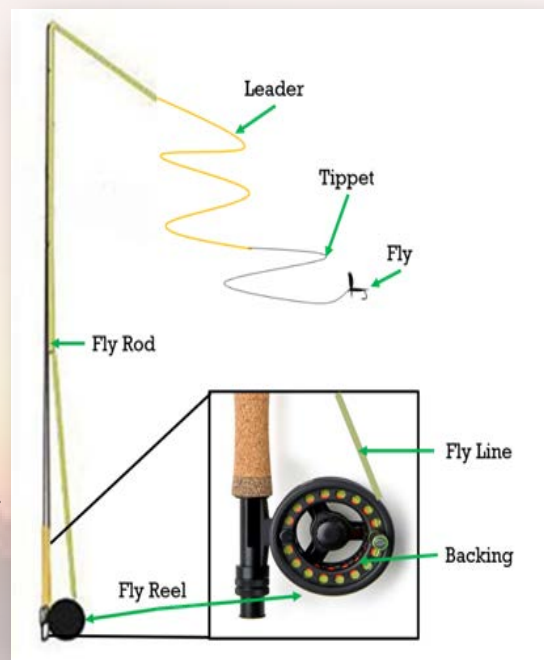
- Rod, Reel, Backing, and Line (known as an Outfit)
- Leader and tippet
- Nippers
- Forceps/pliers
- Flies
- A fly box or some sort of container to keep flies in

What is a Fly Rod? Fly rods come in several sizes and materials Such as fiberglass, composite, bamboo, etc. These can come in a single piece or can break down into multiple pieces. The weight (WT) of a rod determines what size of fly you can use and cast easily, it really has little to do with the size of the fish you are trying to catch. These sizes range from 000WT to 16WT. The bigger the number the bigger rod and the bulkier and heavier flies you can throw.

What is a Fly Reel? The fly reel holds the line that will be used for fishing. The reel must match the weight of the rod, and some reels are made to accommodate a number of different fly rod weights. The fly reel is connected to the rod via the reel seat. The fisherman uses his dominant hand to hold the rod whilst the non-dominant hand is used to manipulate the reel's handle and/or the fly line. The reel can also feature a dial/lever that sets the drag, which is how quickly (or slowly) you wish the line to be released from the reel by applying more or less tension and resistance on the fly line and to the fish on the other end. The fly reel also has something called backing which is used as an extension to your fly line and is usually made of 20 - 30 lbs. Dacron or for saltwater applications, 30 – 50 lbs. Gel-Spun.

What is a Fly Line? A fly line is a Dacron or braided nylon that has been coated with PVC. It is heavy, the PVC coating is slick and sometimes textured. It must be matched with your fly reel and fly rod within one weight. The density of the core and the amount of PVC coating is what defines or makes the fly line float or sink. The fly line is what you cast, it is the weight in fly fishing. It attaches to your backing on the fly reel side.

What is Leader/Tippet? A modern leader is made of monofilament or fluorocarbon material that has a taper built into it that gets skinner or tapers to a smaller diameter toward the fly end. Most have a loop at one end that attaches to your fly line loop. The leader is designed to be sacrificed rather than your fly line. The tippet is a non-tapered piece of monofilament or fluorocarbon material that is attached to the leader when/if the taper has been sacrificed due to tying on/off flies or losing to a tree or snag. The tippet costs less than the leader, the leader cost a bit more, but both are substantially less than the cost of a new fly line. When it comes to leaders and tippet the bigger the number the smaller the size (lbs. test). For example, a tippet with the size of 8x is rated for around 1.75 lbs. and used for very small flies like sizes 22, 24, 26, and 28. On the other end a tippet with the size of 0x is rated for around 15.5 lbs. and can be used for larger flies like sizes 4, 2, 1, and 1/0.



Fly Rod Outfit Anatomy



How does it all go together? The backing is attached to the reel, the fly line is attached to the backing, the leader is attached to the fly line and the tippet is attached to the leader, the fly is attached to the leader/tippet. The entire assembly of Rod, Reel, and lines is called an Outfit.

What are nippers? Nippers are like fingernail clippers, but are usually stainless steel or coated with some sort of protective material. They are a tool that you simply cannot be without. The sharp nipping jaws are designed to keep your knots clean when cutting your leader or tippet. Some nippers even have a needle for those obstructed fly eyes you need to clear to get the tippet through.

What are forceps/pliers? Forceps, sometimes called hemostats, are a great tool for removing hooks from fish and from one's clothing. Pliers are available in a variety of styles for many purposes, such as to help remove flies, de-barbing hooks or crimping split shot, some have a built-in eye-cleaning tool, these are either paired with the lieu of them. No matter which tool or tools you choose make sure they are easy to use, comfortable and can fit in your pocket or can be attached to your clothing, so you do not lose them when on the water.

What are flies? Typically, a fly is a lightweight lure used to imitate a food source of the targeted fish species. These can be made of natural materials such as hair, fur, and feathers, or can be made of artificial materials such as craft fur, Mylar, synthetics, and more. These flies can vary in size and style and can include such things as insects, worms, baitfish, crabs/crayfish, small reptiles and mammals, amphibians, and even birds. Flies come in thousands of patterns, colors, and names, some of which are attributed to the designer of the fly and others are named for the food source they represent.

What is a fly box? Put simply, a fly box is a box or container in which your flies reside in when you are not fishing them. This can be a very simple thing such as the small plastic container that the fly shop will usually give you when you buy the flies, or a left over pill bottle, but most fly fishers use a box designed to be waterproof and that has some sort of Interior liner that allows you to arrange flies in an organized manner.

This article covered the bare essentials of what equipment you need to get started in fly fishing. We will cover some basic casting and fishing techniques, as well as some basic fly tying information in future articles so you can learn how to use the equipment listed here and other equipment as you head down the road of your fly fishing education. Please feel free to stop by any TVFF Club Meeting on the third Thursday of every month or at any outing listed within this newsletter to learn more about this topic and other fly fishing information.

We meet at the Faith Presbyterian Church located at 5003 Whitesburg Drive in Huntsville in room, #201, which is in the center building of the church complex. You can also visit our Facebook and Instagram pages to learn more about events you may be interested in and to watch a video on where we are located and how to find us within the Church buildings. You can also leave us a message on either social media platform with any questions or comments.





The Wade

The fly fishing blog for those who wade.

How To Properly Hold A Fish (And Why It's So Important)

April 28, 2017 Ben Duchesney



Alright we've been silent too long, it's time to put a stop to the madness and clear something up once and for all: Yes, there is a wrong way to hold a fish and we're seeing it way too often.

Social media is great for bragging to your buddies about your godly fishing skills and how the mere mortals around you can't compete, but it's all moot if you're not holding the fish properly. Before you think I'm nit-picking here, this is a serious matter—you're putting fish at risk.



The best way to hold up a fish is to not even hold it at all.

What You're Doing Wrong

We've been seeing a lot of people hold their fish one-handed, putting way too much pressure on the fish's middle by squeezing too tight in order to compensate for the loose grip. Sure it's possible to hold a fish one-handed, as long as you're keeping your hand open, rather than try to squeeze them to keep them steady.

The orientation also matters a lot when holding up a fish. I cringe every time I see someone hold up a fish vertically, whether it's a trout, a striper or a largemouth bass. A fish's jaw isn't meant to support their entire weight, no matter how cool it looks to fist pump while you're waving around the fish, holding it by the bottom lip.

A fish that is able to swim away unharmed, reproduce, and sustain the population is a much cooler thing to see. Always hold fish horizontally.

Why It Matters

Listen, I'm sure there are a few of you out there that think this unnecessary. You might be saying things like, "The fish are swimming away after I've held them," or "what about the bass guys that throw fish back into the water after shaking the around like they're fist pumping?"

Yea, I don't approve of that either. Sure the fish may be swimming away after mishandling them, but they could be stressed or in a vulnerable state for a while afterwards. That puts them at risk from a predator more than ever before, or could prevent them from spawning if it's that time of the year. All I want is a healthy fishery for everyone.



Holding a fish one-handed is ok as long as the fish is small and you don't squeeze the fish.

How To Do It Right

There's a reason you've been seeing more #keepemwet hashtags all over social media, and that's the best case scenario for showing off your fish.

If you absolutely have to hold the fish out of the water, make sure it's not very high and use both hands. Two hands is going to be the best way to hold up a fish for a photo, that way their entire body is better supported, rather than bending unnaturally in the middle.

Just remember to get them back in the water as soon as possible, and that a few likes on Instagram aren't worth the health of fish populations in your local waters.



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September Holidays

U.S. Coast Guard Day

Date When Celebrated : March 11th and/or September 26th.
Why two dates?.....read on

Johnny Appleseed Day honors one of America's great legends. Johnny Appleseed was a real person. John Chapman was among the American settlers who were captivated by the movement west across the continent. As Johnny Appleseed travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree that was planted, the legend grew.



A Little About the Legend: John Chapman (aka Johnny Appleseed) was born on September 26, 1774. He was a nurseryman who started out planting trees in western New York and Pennsylvania. During the life of John Chapman, the "West" was places like Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. John Chapman was a deeply religious person He was known to preach during his travels.

According to legend, Johnny Appleseed led a simple life and wanted little. He rarely accepted money and often donated any money he received. It is believed that he died on March 11, 1845, from what was referred to as the "winter plague". The actual date of his death has been disputed.

There is a lot of "legend" in stories written about Johnny Appleseed. By it's definition, over the years, legends grow bigger than life. It also appears that there is some link between Johnny Appleseed and very early Arbor Day celebrations.

Celebrate today with an apple rich menu. Include fresh apples for snacks, and some applesauce or apple pie for dessert. And, make plans to plant an apple tree.

Wife Appreciation Day

Date When Celebrated : Third Sunday in September

The objective of this special day, is for wives without children to receive appreciation from their husbands. Mother's Day is for wives with children. So, today is an opportunity for husbands in a childless marriage, to recognize the value of their wife. Let her know how important she is to you, and how much she is appreciated. It is a day that she truly deserves.



It should be very easy to show appreciation to your wife, for who she is, and for all the great things she does for you. You know her well, her likes and dislikes. Begin the day by telling her that she is appreciated. Give her a few examples why. Then, select a couple of things she likes or likes to do, and make it happen. Giving her a gift is perfectly okay, but in is not a requirement.

While this day was originally intended to honor wives in a childless marriage, we encourage all husbands to show appreciation for their wives on this day. Showing your appreciation today, is a basic ingredient for a long ad happy marriage.

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