



TVFF Club News

November 2025



Annual Banquet and Auction Friday November 7th 5:00 PM Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall



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Welcome New Members:

Doug Kobobel
Ann Cornelius
Rick Bradford

This Month

- November 6 – Board Meeting, 7 PM
- November 7 – TVFF Banquet, 5 PM
- November 13 – TVFF Fly Tying, 6:30 PM

Officers and Directors

President: Dave Bailey
Vice President: Andy King
Secretary: Rodney Durrett
Treasurer: Aaron Serafinowicz
Membership: Debbie Hill
Activities: Larry Hice
Education: Brian Moore
Conservation: Bob Lowery
Communications: Connor Baker

Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is this month
November 6th 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in
Room 201 at the church. Members are
welcome.

Early shopping starts at 5:00PM, registration is at 6:00, and dinner at 6:30. The auction to follow dinner. The cost is \$15.00 for adults, no charge for children under 12. Friends and family are welcome. If you would like to attend and haven't already RSVP'd, please let [Larry Hice](#) (256-508-2344) know as soon as possible.

The recipient of the Johnny Chamness award for service to the club will also be announced. The dinner menu is catered by Ted's BBQ. You can bring a dessert to share if you'd like.

Please bring any unwanted fishing items for our auction. This is the club's largest source of income.

The banquet replaces our program for November. **There will not be a meeting on the third Thursday this month.** More information can be found on [Page 5](#).



TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted at Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201, at 7 p.m.

November 13th, 7 PM

Zirdle Bug – Lead Tyer, Connor Baker

Cost: \$3

A popular fly in Montana for the Madison and Missouri River. Can be fished as a streamer or dropped below an indicator. Like a Girdle (Pat's Rubber Legs) with a zonker added to the top.

Hook: Size 6

Thread: Black 6/0 or 140 Denier

Weight: Lead Wire

Flash: Crystal Flash

Body: Chenille

Body: Rabbit Zonker

Leg: Silli Legs



November 27th, 7 PM

Happy Thanksgiving!

No fly tying.



<https://www.falconsledge.com/how-to-tie-steve-cobbs-thanksgiving-turkey-fly/>

All are welcome! Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or, better yet, one of your own design. The sessions are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.

October TVFF Recap

Annual TVFF Business Meeting

October, we held our annual membership meeting. Our bylaws state we are to have this meeting every October. This year, we had five board positions up for election: president, treasurer, activities director, communications director, and membership director. Our new board members were approved and will start January 1st 2025. Our four new members are below. Thank you to all members serving on the board, we would not have a club without you!

- **Vice President: Andy King**
- **Secretary: David Heim**
- **Conservation Director: Jacob Franklin**
- **Education Director: Brian Moore**

Additionally, from our Aldridge Creek Cleanup, during this meeting we recognized the team of two with the most trash and the team with the most unusual item. Aaron and Tammy Serafinowicz collected the most trash, filling up many trash bags. While, Mandie and Robert Brown found the most unusual item, finding a decoy horned owl! To the right are the two trophies. The trophy on the left is for the most trash and the one on the right is for the most unusual item! Thank you again to everyone that helped with the Aldridge Creek cleanup.



Trunk or Treat

Also this month we set up a trunk at Faith Presbyterian's Trunk or Treat! Thank you to Debbie and Brian Moore, Larry Hice and Mike Iffland for supporting this event! What a great time!





Fish of the Month

TVFF president David Bailey was out fishing in South Dakota last month. He caught the fish to the right in Rapid Creek of the Black Hills. In addition to that, he caught maybe a dozen similar fish! Sounds fun David, great fish. Go CATS!



TVFF member Allan Douglas did some fishing in Blue Ridge Georgia last month and caught the three nice trout below (great Brown!). He also did some fishing on the Elk and caught the nice trout to the left. Great fish Allan, well done!



TVFF member Connor Baker caught some white bass here in North Alabama. The goal was striped bass, and had one hooked, but lost it. Had to settle with some white bass and whippers. Maybe better luck next time Connor.



TVFF Annual Banquet/Auction 2025

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual banquet/auction will be held on Friday, November 7th with early shopping starting at **5:00 PM**. Registration will begin at **6:00 PM**. Dinner will be served at **6:30 PM**. The auctioneer will be Mr. Victor Luna who has called the last several TVFF auctions.

For our new members, the annual banquet is a special time to get as many of our family and friends together to share an evening of good food and fellowship. After the meal we hold an auction to raise money for the club.

The Auction

We need donated items to be in the raffle and auction. Many of our members purchase items and donate them, others make items to be sold, others donate items of value that they have either outgrown, replaced or no longer have a use for and still others donate cash.

No matter the type or size, your donations are greatly appreciated and qualify as a tax exempt charitable donation.

To donate, contact Larry Hice lhice@plasticfusion.com or bring your items to the auction.

In the past we have had corporate donations from FFI, Wapsi, Dally's Fly Shop, Wishes & Fishes Fly Shop and 20/20 Eye Care and others.

Desserts

Please bring a dessert! We have many bakers and chefs with remarkable talent. Having so many wonderful desserts to sample really makes our banquet special. This is our club. Let's support this fun event to ensure our continued success.

Banquet/Auction Location

The banquet will be at Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, **Friday** night, **November 7th at 5:00 pm**. We will have a catered meal, with members paying \$15 per adult while the club pays for the kids under 12.

Remember the Banquet/Auction replaces our normal 3rd Thursday meeting for November. Also, the December meeting will be a social event only (no program) with drinks and snacks supplied. All you need to bring is yourself and the normal boastful stories from the past year to share.





How to measure hackle?

Curious how to measure hackle for different sizes of hooks? The video [here](#) can help you out with just that! Andy's Flies on YouTube has plenty of informative videos on fly tying. Check his page out when you get a chance!



Share Your Favorite Fly Fishing Guides!

We're building a comprehensive list of recommended fly fishing guides for our website. Help fellow club members plan their next trip by submitting your favorites. Email your guide submissions to radurrett@gmail.com or info@tvff.club. Please include: State, Body of Water, Outfitter, Guide's Name, and Website.

Fly Line Collection

There will be a collection box for any old or unused fly line at the Banquet this year. TVFF sends all that we collect to Flyvines: a Missoula, Montana, based company that upcycles it into bracelets, lanyards, keychains and so on. This keeps the fly line out of landfills and is income for this small company. Thank you for participating!



Fall Fishing For Smallmouth

Below are some tips for catching Smallmouth Bass in Fall. Bass might not be as aggressive as they are in warmer months, but there are still ways to instigate a strike. The entire article is from Flylords and authored by Wesley Hodges. The full version can be found [here](#).

Larger Streamers

As the temperature dips down into the low 60s and 50s. Increase the size of the streamer you are fishing. Use something between 4 to 6 inches. As temperatures get cold, fish are eager to look for a larger meal. They want to fill up fast because there is less aquatic activity.

Crayfish Imitations

A smallmouth's diet is around 70% crayfish. A heavy crayfish works well in a large pool with no current. In colder weather, fish tend to hang out near the bottom. If you can find structure in these deep pools, that is an even greater bonus.

Top Water Imitations

As it gets colder, avoid top water flies. However, a random day that is a bit warmer, they can still be somewhat effective. The key is to see if you notice other baitfish at the surface. If you do, then fish the top. Typically in these instances, you want to strip the fly as fast as possible.





Proposed Flint River Wastewater Treatment Plant Concerns Aired

The below summary is courtesy of Madison County Resident and local fishing legend, **Dana Byerly**:

Madison County residents attended a public hearing Oct. 14 in the Buckhorn Middle School cafeteria to voice concerns about a proposed wastewater treatment plant they say will affect the nearby Flint River.

The public hearing was organized by the [Alabama Department of Environmental Management](#) (ADEM) whether to approve a permit for a new wastewater treatment plant to be built by [Integra Water](#). ADEM did not rule at the fact-gathering meeting.

Speakers overwhelmingly expressed concerns that the proposed treatment plant near Winchester Road will pollute the free-flowing stream, release odors, and cause property values to plummet, according to a story by AL.com's Megan Plotka. The story and photographs can be found [here](#).

Speakers expressed concern about the creek they use for fishing, swimming, canoeing, and kayaking. "I want to see it's a great place to fish, you shouldn't put poop in it," 16-year-old Rowan Stafford said.

Integra Water CEO John McDonald addressed the ADEM panel about the facility permit Integra filed for permission to build in New Market's Berry Hill neighborhood. The subdivision has about 144 homes that are on a septic tank system.

Berry Hill residents Benjamin and Melissa Stafford started the "Keep the Flint River Clean" alliance to protect the neighborhood and local environment. They said they found out about the treatment center at the last possible moment on the last day they could submit public comment to ADEM, according to AL.com.

No elected official signed up to speak. "I think that the community engagement by our elected officials is insufficient, and I think that the requirement for any type of private development that impacts the greater community is inadequately represented," Benjamin Stafford said.

ADEM said citizens have 30 days to submit comment after a permit is submitted. ADEM does not have to actively notify affected residents and is only required to post notifications on its website.

"People are not happy, we understand that," an ADEM spokesperson told AL.com. "They found out late, but their finding out late did not preclude their ability to participate."

Organizers have contacted every level of representation, from their county commissioner to a U.S. senator, to help stop the plant. They say they all point their finger in another direction and say there is nothing they can do, AL.com reported.

Integra Water is in the project's planning and design phase. It has secured land, but must obtain a building permit from the Madison County Commission to build the facility, according to McDonald.

Advocates want to see change on a state level to allow for zoning restrictions for unincorporated land. Under the current state laws, property owners can build anything on their land in an unincorporated area. That means a wastewater treatment plant or landfill can be built right next door to a family home.

There are about 13 other wastewater treatment facilities on the Flint River. Integra Water reported that discharge does come from these facilities in its draft permit to build the New Market facility. Integra Water says that the liquid waste that it dumps into the river is highly treated, disinfected, and subject to strict state and federal environmental standards



Fly Tying Bobbins 101

Below is a summary of an informative article on J. Stockard of all things bobbin. To see the entire article, visit their website [here](#).

What is a Bobbin?

- A bobbin holder (often just called a bobbin) is a critical tool that holds the thread spool.
- It provides thread control through its arms, which allow for adjusting thread tension, and its tube, which ensures smooth and accurate thread wrapping.
- This control enhances the quality, durability, and visual appeal of the tied fly.

Key Factors for Choosing a Bobbin

1. **Materials:** The tube material is crucial.
 - Stainless steel is durable and generally less expensive.
 - Ceramic is often more durable and creates minimal friction, reducing the likelihood of thread fraying or breaking.
2. **Length:** Bobbin length (standard, midge, or longer) depends on the size of the flies being tied, with midge length preferred for smaller, intricate patterns.
3. **Tube Diameter:** Standard or wide diameters are available, depending on the thickness of the thread or material (like yarn or heavy wire) being used.
4. **Tension Adjustment:** Methods vary from simply squeezing the arms to advanced systems like disc drags or sliding bars, which offer more consistent pressure.
5. **Price:** Cost is a consideration, but the most important factor is personal preference and finding a tool that makes the tying experience enjoyable.

Different Styles of Bobbin Holders

The article categorizes bobbins into three main styles and provides examples:

- **Basic Standard Bobbins:** Good value options, often featuring stainless steel construction and glass inserts (e.g., Dr. Slick ECO Bobbin, J. Stockard Bobbin Stainless).
- **Ceramics for Refinement:** Higher quality due to ceramic pipe inserts for smoother thread flow and durability (e.g., Dr. Slick Ceramic Bobbin, JS Ceramic Bobbin).
- **Mid-Range Marvels:** Workhorse bobbins known for comfort, excellent tension control, and versatile use (e.g., Umpqua Dreamstream+ Bobbin, Loon Outdoors Ergo All Purpose Bobbin).
- **Advanced Options with Adjustable Drags:** Feature sophisticated mechanisms for precise, consistent tension control (e.g., Stonfo Elite Disc Drag Bobbin, Rite Bobbin, SMHAEN Bobbin).

FAQs

Purpose: To hold the spool and control thread tension for smooth, even wraps.

Bobbin Threader: A tool with a fine wire loop used to easily guide the thread through the bobbin's narrow tube.

Getting Started: A bobbin holder is one of the three absolute necessities, along with a vise and scissors.

November Funny Holidays

America Recycles Day November 15th

This holiday was created in 1997 by the National Recycling Coalition. A few years back, there was a change to the recycling program for Huntsville, Madison and Madison County. The three have joined together to form RANA, Recycling Alliance of North Alabama. The recycle bins are now a large blue trash can and the pickup has changed from weekly to once per month.

The list of acceptable materials has also changed. For more information and to order your cart go to <https://recycling-alliance.com/>.



National Statistics Day

November 31st

Statistics in the modern sense began with the posthumous publication of the work of the Swiss mathematician Jacob Bernoulli in 1713. He asked himself a question about polling. How many people would you need to poll to make an accurate prediction about the results of an upcoming election? While people still wrestle with that question there is no shortage of statistical information in the news and in sports. The disciplines of Analytics and Data Science attempt to turn data into statistics that can be used to guide decisions.

For many years baseball was the king of sports statistics but it has spread to golf, football and many other sports.

My mother-in-law used to say that figures don't lie but liars figure. One wag stated that 98% of statistics are made up.

My statistics say that the probability of this being read is less than 5% with a confidence of 90%.





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