



TVFF Club News

March 2025



TVFF Club Meeting

Tim Flagler, Tight Lines Fly Fishing
Thursday, March 20th 7:00 PM



Our guest speaker (via Zoom) will be Tim Flagler. He will be discussing trout and what they eat. Tim Flagler has been fly fishing and tying for more than 30 years. He founded Tightline Productions in 1998, a video production company that specializes in promotional and instructional video. He's known worldwide for his tying videos. Tim's also a presenter, instructor and guide.

More information on Tim Flagler and his video production company can be found on [slide 4](#).



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This Month

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Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is May 1, 2025, at 7 p.m. in Room 201 at the church. Members are welcome.

TVFF Fly Tying Group

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



March 13th, 7 PM

Knot Tying Seminar – Brian Moore

Cost: Free if bring own supplies and tools. Otherwise \$1 for mono and borrowing tools.

I once had a fly fishing guide tell me that he was a professional knot tyer. After all of the flies I've lost in trees or brush due to bad casting or challenging fishing areas, I understand his point. Whether you're a new or seasoned angler, it's good to practice your knots. I've learned some ways to tie knots with smaller tippet or smaller flies that I'll share, and when tools help with small tippet or cold fingers. We'll tie knots that include: Davy & Double Davy; Clinch & Improved Clinch; Surgeon; Blood; Non-slip Loop; and Perfection Loop.

Supplies:

- ~8 lb or smaller monofilament
- Suitable hook or fly that your mono will fit
- Nipper
- Hemostats

March 27, 7 p.m., Room 201, in-person Parachutee Chubby Chernobyl Hopper, Tyer – Connor Baker

Cost: \$3

This is a variant on the classic Chubby Chernobyl. This particular variant is larger and was designed for bass by Jake Villwock, smallmouth guide from Pennsylvania.

Materials:

Hook: Size #2-6

Thread: Size 210 denier (bring a few colors)

Body: 2mm Foam

Wing: Gray elk body hair

Legs: Brown flex floss

Parachute: Orange yarn

Hackle: Grizzly rooster saddle (size 10)



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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.

Savage Flies on YouTube – TVFF President David Bailey

Below is a note from our new president, David Bailey:

One of my favorite fly-tying instruction channels on YouTube is Savage Flies hosted by Matt O'Neal. Matt lives in Maryland and fly fishes the east coast from the Catskills in New York to the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee. The Savage Fly channel has been around for about 5 years and has built a 25,000 subscriber following.

Matt's videos are usually no longer than 8-9 minutes and feature all styles of flies. There are several features that I like about the channel. Matt presents himself in a folksy easy-going manner and does not take himself very seriously. Matt presents a tied version of the fly at the beginning of the video, a history of the fly and in most cases the source material used to tie the fly. The recipe for the fly is listed and Matt notes if substitute material is used.

Matt has done several series for flies that are popular in Appalachian streams, Classic Trout flies and Warm Water Bass flies. Occasionally Matt will do a book or product review and give away the items to one of the viewers with an online raffle.

A unique part of the Savage Flies channel is that often Matt will video himself fishing with the fly that he presented on one of his local streams.

Savage Flies offers excellent tutorials of flies that are used for fishing, not the shadow boxes. I recommend that you go to You Tube and view several of Matt's segments. I think it will be well worth your time.

All of Savage Flies contact info can be found below:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@SavageFlies>

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Castback – Your Fly Fishing Market Place

Do you have a lot of used fly fishing equipment that you don't know what to do with? Castback can help you! Consider selling your equipment to castback.com. Also, if you are looking for cheaper items, you can purchase from them as well. This company is veteran owned, and 5% of their profits are donated to Project Healing Water.

March 20th Guest Speaker – Tim Flagler

Our guest speaker this month will be renown fly tyer and fly fisherman Tim Flagler. He will be speaking to us via Zoom about trout and what they eat. Most of you are probably familiar with his work. He has one of the most prolific fly tying channels on all of YouTube. Chances are if you searched something on YouTube related to fly tying you probably saw one of his videos. His YouTube Channel can be found [here](#).

This is probably one of our biggest guest speakers in awhile and we'd love for you to join. Cost for members is free, while non-members are able to join and attend. As always the meeting will be at **Faith Presbyterian Church, room 201, 5003 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville AL.**

Tim Flagler Biography:

Tim Flagler is the owner of Tightline Productions, L.L.C., located in Califon, NJ. Although he produces video programs over a wide range of topics, his specialty is fly fishing. Tim is a well-known fly tying instructor. His YouTube videos are some of the best in the business and his YouTube channel, practicalpatterns.com currently has over 120,000 subscribers and 39 million views. Almost every week he produces a new fly tying or "how to" video which appear not only on his YouTube channel but on Midcurrent and the Orvis News fly fishing blog as well. They're also featured on Trout Unlimited's national website and in the Orvis Learning Center. In addition, he has a regular column "Beginner's Masterclass with Tim Flagler" in Fly Tyer magazine, which selected Tim as their "Fly Tyer of the Year" in their Winter 2022 issue. Many of Tim's tying videos take the viewer well beyond just the tying of the fly and show what it looks like underwater, what natural it represents and how it can be fished.

Tim's a fixture at the Fly Fishing Shows - giving presentations, teaching classes and often as a Featured Tier. He does monthly "Tie-Off's" with Tom Rosenbauer (Orvis) and, recently, Cheech Pierce (Fly Fish Food) as well. He enjoys guiding year round for South Branch Outfitters (formerly Shannon's Fly & Tackle) in Califon, NJ and hosts annual trips to Patagonia in the spring and to the Kootenai River in MT & Northern British Columbia in the summer. He has also started hosting several trips within the year to Spruce Creek, PA and to the Erie area for steelhead in early December.



Why Fly Line Backing Matter

The summary below is from Cortland, one of the leading manufactures of fly line. Here they describe the importance of backing, and why it is necessary. This is a fun read for a fly fishing item we do not think much about. The entire article, written by Matthew Borovy, can be found [here](#).

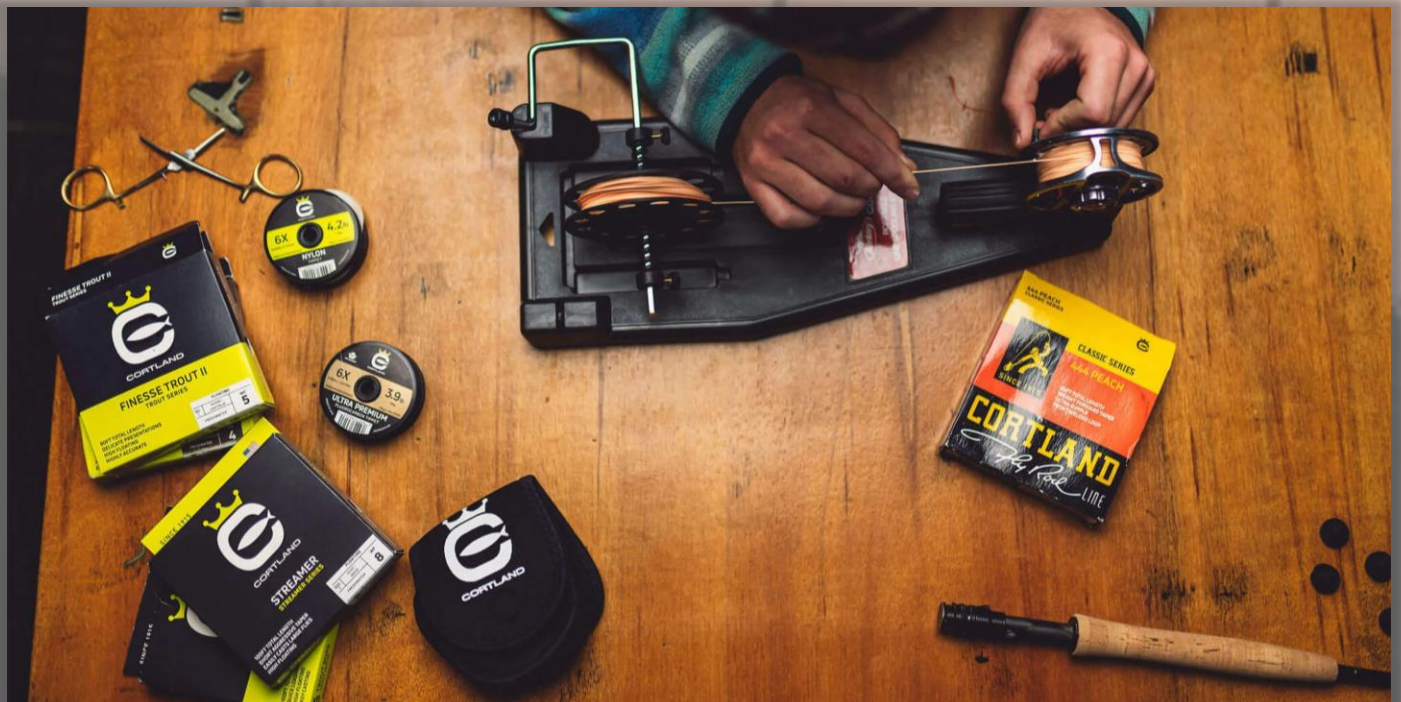
Often overlooked, fly line backing is just as important as the fly line itself. It is the lifeline of our setup. Especially when targeting fish that can take off and go on long runs, high-quality backing is necessary. When choosing the right backing, consider reel size, target species, and fishing environment. There are three types of backing that Cortland produces: Micron, Gel Spun, and Spliceable Hollow-X. They each have their pros and cons, and come in different sizes.

Micron: This is the most popular type, braided with premium Dacron fibers in a 12-carrier construction. It's available in 20 lb and 30 lb sizes and is recommended for freshwater and smaller saltwater species.

Gel Spun: This backing is braided with gel spun spectra fibers, resulting in a thinner braid with a stronger braid per diameter size. It's available in strengths from 30 lb to 80 lb and is suitable for a range of species, including trout, steelhead, and larger saltwater fish.

Spliceable Hollow-X: This is the most premium backing, with a 12-carrier spectra construction. It's smooth, strong, and ideal for demanding saltwater species. It's available in 50 lb and 70 lb sizes and has a high stacking capacity.

Next time you are selecting your new rod, reel, and fly line set up. Think about what backing you might want to put in there. Remember, the thicker the backing the less you can get on your reel, but the thinner the backing, the weaker it will be.

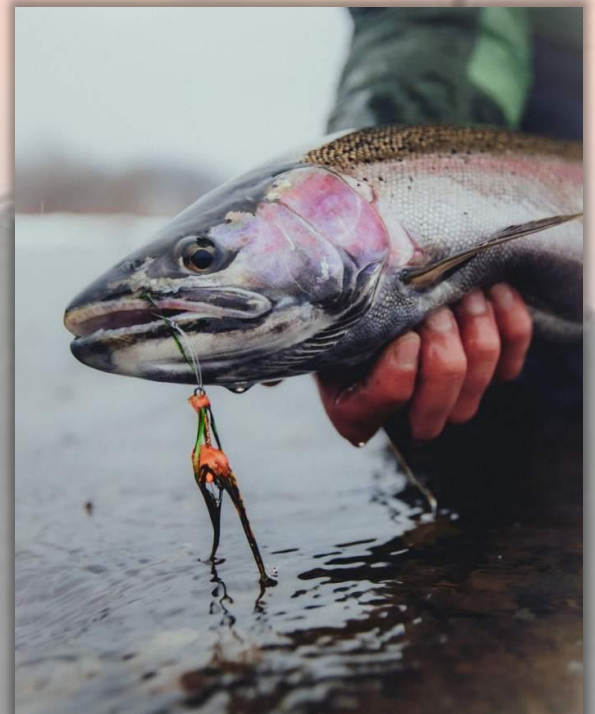




Top 10 Excuses to Go Fishing

Everyone in this club loves to fish! We often have family commitments that get in the way of our fishing! Well, Fly Lords Magazine has thought through all the best reasons to go fishing! Some of these are pretty funny, but at the same time many are very accurate! The creator of this list is Tripp Nazziola. List can be found [here](#).

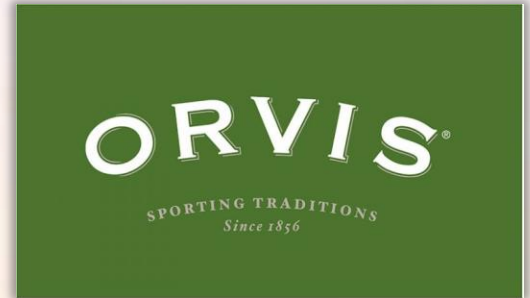
1. **Your buddy caught a PB you have to beat**
2. **There could be a once in a lifetime hatch**
3. **Kelly Galloup said today is perfect streamer fishing conditions**
4. **You found a juicy run on Google Maps**
5. **You are taking a mental health day and you're convinced it's cheaper than therapy**
6. **The local fly shop employee just showed me his secret fly pattern**
7. **You need to take your new gear for a walk**
8. **Just listened to the new Orvis Fly Fishing Podcast episode**
9. **You are planning on becoming a fishing guide**
10. **Fish don't catch themselves!**



Fly Fishing Classes at Orvis!

Starting the second half of March, Orvis is going to start holding fly fishing classes. They will have a fly fishing 101, 201 and 301 class. 101 will be an introduction to fly rods, lines, flies, and casting. 201 will be on pond and creek fishing, while 301 will focus on fishing the Flint River. Other than transportation, everything is provided. All of these classes will be conservation minded, focusing on catch and release, as well as keeping the river clean.

Additionally, March is the annual Orvis Fly Sale! All flies are 20% off for the entire month! Go in there and support your local fly shop!



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2025 Sowbug Roundup – March 27th – 29th

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Sowbug Roundup, March 27th – 29th. This is the premier fly tying event in the Southeast, so put it on your calendar. There will be over 150 expert fly tyers, over 20 vendors and raffles every day. If you are even remotely interested in fly tying, then this is the place to be. Tickets are \$10 for all three days, and children get in free. For more information, visit the North Arkansas Fly Fishers website [here](#).



March Holidays

Pi Day

March 14th

You might have learned that $\pi = 22/7$ or 3.14 or 3.14159. It turns out that $355/113$ is another very good approximation for pi. There are urban legends of various state legislatures passing laws to set $\pi = 3$. I have heard Indiana and Alabama both mentioned in those stories.

You might have been told that pi squared is the area of a circle but even little Johnny knows that pies are round.

What better day to celebrate the irrational number pie than on 3.14? The engineers I know think it is a great idea and should be celebrated with a slice of pi(e).



Tater Day March 31st

Thanks to Wikipedia for the following:

Tater Day is a large festival in Benton, Kentucky. It was started in 1843 as a celebration of spring, and a time when all of the townsfolk would get together and trade in sweet potato slips, used to grow the plants. It is also the oldest continuous trade day in the United States, in which goods such as guns, 'coon hounds, tobacco or livestock are swapped or sold.



Tater Day brings to town carnival rides, games, a market, a potato eating contest, mule pulls, and a "biggest potato" contest, which attracts large potatoes from across the county. The biggest part of the festival is the parade, which completes one circuit around the town. It includes political floats, Marshall County High School marching band, horses and buggies, clowns, vintage cars, horses, Miss Tater Day, and other things for which Marshall County is known. There is also Junior Miss Tater Day for little girls ages 5 to 12, and Little Mister, Tiny Miss, and Baby Miss Tater day pageants and floats for the younger kids. There is also an annual Tater day derby that is hosted at the dirt track at the Benton City Park.



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