



TVFF Club News

August 2022



Dr. Jeremiah Russell, The Mayfly Project August 18th 7 PM



The Mayfly Project is a 501(c)(3) organization that uses fly fishing as a catalyst to mentor children in foster care. Our mission is to support children in foster care through fly fishing and introduce them to their local water ecosystems, with a hope that connecting them to a rewarding hobby will provide an opportunity for foster children to have fun, feel supported, and develop a meaningful connection with the outdoors.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Jeremiah developed a love for fly fishing as a teenager, wading the streams of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He left his East Tennessee home to pursue higher education in other states around the southeast, until he settled in Alabama with his wife and two daughters, first as an assistant professor at a regional state university and now as a private school administrator in Huntsville. You can find him on local waters about every weekend. He is honored to serve as lead mentor for the Huntsville Mayfly Project and share the wonderful gift of fly fishing to area children in foster care!

For more information, visit the Mayfly Project's [website](#).

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Welcome New Members:
Mitch Adams

This Month

Faith Presbyterian Church Rm 201

- August 4 – BOD Meeting
- August 11 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- August 18 – Club Meeting, 7 PM
- August 25 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof
Vice President: Dana Beyerle
Secretary: Gary Jedlovec
Treasurer: Dave Bailey
Membership: Debbie Hill
Activities: Larry Hice
Education: Fred Kaufmann
Conservation: Bob Lowery
Communications: Connor Baker

Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is **THIS MONTH**
August 4, 2022, at 7 p.m. in Room 201.



TVFF Fly Tying Group

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



August 11, 7 PM

Hippy Stomper– Slade Lutz

Cost: \$2.00 in person

Good attractor pattern, imitates terrestrials like ants or beetles.
Can be tied in a variety of colors.

Materials:

Body: 2mm foam

Hackle: Grizzly hackle

Tail: Elk Hair

Flair: Flashabou

Visibility: Parapost

Legs: Rubber legs

Thread: Black and yellow 70 or 100 denier



UMPQUA

Photo from <https://www.umpqua.com/>

August 25, 7 PM

Bass Popper – Steve Kerkhof

Cost: \$2.00 in person

A bass popper tied with a purchased head with feathers, flash and rubber legs in the tail.

Materials

Head: Surface Seducer Double Barrel head, size medium

Hook: Saber #7060 Bass Hook, Size 2

Thread: White or Black 140 denier or 100 GSP

Hackle: Olive grizzly Bugger Pack

Tail: Olive grizzly and chartreuse, black and yellow rubber legs, red flashabou and pearl crystal flash

Other: Gel super glue, bodkin



Health Notice: By attending the in-person session you accept responsibility for any and all associated health risks. Please bring a mask in case of masking rules change.

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.



Fish of the Month

TVFF members Dana Beyerle and Connor Baker went smallmouth fishing this month to see what they could catch. Upper right, Dana caught this beautiful colored fish. It was caught on a white popper. Lower right, Connor caught this smaller bass on a similar white popper. Below, Connor caught this gar on a white streamer! It took some finessing to get the hook out without getting bit!



To the left, father of TVFF member Connor Baker, Craig Baker, caught his personal best and first brown trout on a hopper. Craig was visiting his daughter who lives in Wyoming. It was Craig's first time fishing west of the Mississippi. Nice catch!





More Fishing Photos



TVFF members Cody Jansto and Connor Baker went exploring for Redeye Bass in the Coosa River Watershed. They explored some unique areas and caught some nice small Redeye Bass. The majority of what they caught were on small yellow poppers!



Early July, TVFF member Connor Baker visited Alaska with his wife Mey Mey on vacation. Near the town of Talkeetna, they were able to spare a few hours fishing. They caught Dolly Vardens and King Salmon. All fish were safely caught and released.



July TVFF Recap - Swap Meet

July 21st – Club Meeting

For the month of July, we had our annual swap meet. It was a good time to socialize and trade items! This is a TVFF staple, held every July or August. It is always a good chance for the newer members to get some new gear.



Photo from <https://greatlakesreclaimed.com/>

June 28th – Fly Tying

Joe Tremblay was the lead for our second fly tying session. We tied his special self-invented shad that he used very successfully on Donovan Lakes. It was a unique tie and a lot of fun. We had one of the best turn outs of the year!



Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest Opens August 2

The 2023 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest will begin accepting entries on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. This year's contest is a joint project between the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) and the Alabama Tourism Department. The deadline to enter is October 31, 2022.

The 2023 photo contest will focus on traditional photography techniques and the use of handheld cameras. No cellphone, smartphone, game camera, or drone photography will be chosen as winning photos for nine of the 10 categories. Smartphone and tablet photos will be accepted in the Young Photographers category.

The photo contest is open to state residents and visitors alike, but qualifying photos must have been taken in Alabama in the past two years. Any amateur photographer not employed by ADCNR is encouraged to enter.

A total of eight photos per person may be entered in the following categories. You may enter all eight in one category or among several categories:

- Alabama State Parks
- Birds
- Bugs and Butterflies
- Cold-blooded Critters
- Nature-Based Recreation
- Scenic
- Shoots and Roots
- Sweet Home Alabama
- Wildlife
- Young Photographers (ages 17 and under)

First, second, third and one honorable mention will be awarded in each category. Winning images will be featured online and in a traveling exhibit at various venues across the state during 2023.

For complete 2023 category descriptions and contest rules, visit www.outdooralabama.com/photocontest



Simms Fishing Products Sold to Vista Outdoors

The following article is from Fly Fisherman Magazine. The entirety of the magazine can be found [here](#).

July 28, 2022

An agreement was announced on Wednesday for Vista Outdoor to purchase fly-fishing industry titan Simms Fishing Products for \$192.5 million. Vista is the parent company of 39 outdoors-related brands, including Bushnell, CamelBak, and Remington Ammunition.

"We are thrilled to be joining the Vista Outdoor family of brands," Simms Executive Chairman and former owner K.C. Walsh said in a Vista press release. "It is hard to imagine a better partner for Simms. Vista Outdoor is committed to helping us build continued momentum through operational expertise, access to growth capital and their Supply Chain and Digital Centers of Excellence."

Simms is the leading manufacturer of fishing waders, outerwear, footwear and technical apparel. It was founded in 1980 and purchased by Walsh in 1993, who grew it into the hundred-million-dollar company. According to the release, Simms grew net sales by approximately 15 percent from 2019 to 2021 and is expected to grow more in 2022. It's estimated 2022 revenue is \$110 million.

The announcement indicated that the Simms headquarters and manufacturing facility will remain in Bozeman, Montana, and Simms is slated to be included in Vista's new Outdoor Products Company, which will also be headquartered in Bozeman.

"Simms current Chief Executive Officer Casey Sheahan will continue to lead day-to-day operations of Simms, and Walsh will continue as a strategic advisor and conservation and government affairs advocate," according to Vista's press release. "The current Simms management team and existing employee base also will remain in place."



Photo from <https://www.flyfisherman.com>

How to Tie: The Fat Albert

The following article is from Fly Lords Mag, and online fly fishing publication. The article online can be found [here](#).

A video by tyer Martyn White of Flickling Feathers on how to tie the Fat Albert can be found [here](#).

Difficulty: Easy



As we approach August, we also enter into one of the most exciting times of year: terrestrial fishing. Throwing big dry flies at banks can offer some of the most explosive and entertaining eats of the season. There are few things more enjoyable than seeing big trout rise carelessly for big bugs, and hopper season is a time when it can happen. The Fat Albert is one of those terrestrial patterns that you can chuck at the bank and have confidence in during the hot dog days of summer.

Being composed of mostly foam allows this fly to ride high and stay highly visible when in the water. Making sure the legs set in the correct positions can be important to these flies, especially since we are imitating hoppers with large rear legs. The Fat Albert is simple to tie yet productive, which makes it a staple hopper pattern right beside the Chubby Chernobyl and Morrish Hopper.

Whether tied as a single or in a dry dropper rig, the Fat Albert will produce fish. If thrown as a single, I personally like casting onto overhanging grass on the bank and wiggling it out so it falls like the real deal. This action will bring out the worst in hungry fish and undoubtedly result in a few eats. With the dog days of summer commencing, the Fat Albert will produce as those hatches slow and fish turn onto falling hoppers.

Materials:

- Hook: TMC 2302 or Other Hopper Hook
- Thread: Flat Waxed Nylon
- Body: 2mm Fly Foam
- Wing: Poly Yarn
- Legs: Medium Round Rubber
- Now you know how to tie the Fat Albert!

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Photo from theunion.com

As you can see, they work well for bass as well!



Team USA Wins Gold at World Fly Fishing Championships

The following article is from Fly Lords Mag, and online fly fishing publication. The article online can be found [here](#).

The 7th Annual World Fly Fishing Championships were held in Trentino, Italy this year, and Team USA came up big, securing the win over both the Italian and Belgian fly fishing teams.

Way to go Team USA!!!!



7th FIPS-Mouche Master World Fly Fishing Championship

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RESULTS:

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PLACE	NAME	TEAM	PLACINGS	POINTS	FISH NO	LONGEST FISH
1	USA	USA	137	114540	192	556
2	ITALY	ITA	140	132320	220	483
3	BELGIUM	BEL	154	101380	171	522

Additional News

Upcoming TVFF Banquet and Auction

Mark your calendar for the TVFF Banquet and Auction on Friday November 18th. Registration begins at 6:00. We will have a catered dinner beginning at 6:30 PM, followed by the Auction. This is our main fundraiser for the year so we want to see all of you there. We also need donations for the Auction and Raffle. We welcome donations of new, used and handcrafted items. Bring your donated items to the Banquet. Contact Larry Hice (lhice@plasticfusion.com) with any questions about donations. Additional information will be provided in the November newsletter



Stickers for Sale

While getting our shirts embroidered with the TVFF logo, Joe Tremblay purchased roughly 150+ stickers for the club. These stickers will be for sale at monthly meetings and fly tying. We have two sizes, medium (3.5 inches in diameter) and small (1.5 inches in diameter). Medium are \$3 and small are \$1. If interested please see treasurer, Dave Bailey.



Fly Line Recycling

Flyvines is a Montana company that “upcycles” used fly line into bracelets, lanyards, dog collars, sunglass straps and other useful items that give used fly line a second life. The picture shows used fly line collected by TVFF in 2019 that didn’t end up in a landfill. The pandemic kept us from doing that in 2020 but we’d like to participate again this year. If you respool your fly reels with new line then please coil it up and bring it to us. TVFF will pack it in a box and send it Flyvines. It is a small thing you can do to be kind to the environment and support our conservation efforts.



Casting for Recovery Fly Boxes

On the right is one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to the Alabama Casting for [Recovery](#) retreat back in 2019. TVFF is always looking for more flies to add to the box for future events. If interested, choose a fly and tie or purchase 14 of them. When you have your set or multiple sets of 14 flies ready for collection, bring them to any club activity or contact Casting for Recovery [volunteer Debbie Hill](#). TVFF will provide the boxes for your donated flies. This fall we will be filling the fly boxes that will be donated to the Alabama Casting for Recovery retreat. Debbie keeps a list of flies that have been tied or purchased, but duplicates are welcome. <https://castingforrecovery.org/>



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

Faith Presbyterian Church sponsors this to assist seniors in our area who are identified as food-insecure. Please help TVFF support this worthwhile activity by bringing one item from the list 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 (Hamburgers, 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.

Interesting August Holidays

International Left Handers' Day

Celebrated August 13th

First celebrated in 1976. Left handers use this holiday to celebrate their differences and uniqueness compared to right handers. Left handers make up less than 10% of the world population. Some left handers use this holiday to bring awareness to the difficulty of growing up in a right handed world. There are plenty of famous left handers: Babe Ruth, Jimi Hendrix, Albert Einstein, Tim Tebow, Mark Twain, Leonardo Da Vinci

Being left handed does bring some troubles to those in the fly fishing community! If you are left handed, celebrate this holiday and know that you are unique!



World Senior Citizen's Day

Date celebrated: August 21st

First celebrated in 1991, the idea for World Senior Citizen's day was put forth by 40th president Ronald Regan in the late 1980s. The idea behind this holiday is to spread awareness to problems such as elder abuse and health deterioration. On this day, be sure to honor a senior you know. In the US, seniors are generally considered to be any person older than 62 or 65 years old.



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