



TVFF Club News

October 2023



October 19th Program

TVFF Annual Club Meeting



The TVFF Annual meeting will be held on the 19th of October at 7PM in room 201.

The main focus of the Annual Meeting is to elect members to serve on the Board of Directors (BOD) and approve the 2020 budget.

Then after the business is concluded, enjoy a cold soft drink and snacks while mingling with fellow members who will be happy to share information and answer any questions you may have. This will be a great opportunity to talk with members who have been there and done that. You may even find a new fishing companion.

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Welcome New Members:

Tell someone about TVFF!

This Month

- October 12 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- September 19– TVFF Meeting, 7 PM
- September 26 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof
Vice President: Bob Lowery
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 November 2, 2023, 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.



October 12th, 7 PM

Rosenhopper – Andy King

Cost: \$3.00

Fun fly developed by Orvis legend, Tom Rosenbauer. If you have, in addition to your normal tools, bring a hair stacker and comb. A video can be found [here](#).

Materials

Hook: 2XL

Dry Sizes: 8-14

Thread : Tan, 6/0

Tail: Elk

Body: Hare's ear fur

First wing: Elk hair

Second wing: Para Post or similar high-floating yarn

Rear legs: One pair knotted Spanflex brown with black

Front legs: Spanflex brown with black

Overlay: Tan foam

Indicator tab: Yellow foam



October 26th, 7PM

Crappie Bug Glow in the Dark – Debbie Hill

Cost: \$3.00

We will be getting spooky for Halloween with these flies tied with glow in the dark materials

Materials (Many other color combinations also work)

Hook: Jighead Hook

Thread: White Thread

Body: Glow in the dark chenille

Legs: Glow in the dark legs

Tail: Marabou



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 member, Jonathan Craft and his mother went on amazing trip out west, chasing native Cutthroats! Awesome fish, glad you got your mom addicted to fly fishing! Below is what he had to say about it:

I just went on the trip of a lifetime, a trip fly fishing around Yellowstone National Park. I have been working on teaching my mother, Lynn Craft, to fly fish since April 2023. The goal was to be ready to fly fish Yellowstone by late August. We had a fantastic time and caught some nice Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. I predominantly fished an Orvis 9'5" 5wt (Helios Blackout series) and I believe that rod helped me get better drifts while nymphing. My best fish was caught on a hopper-dropper.

I'd like to thank the TVFF for stoking my enthusiasm for flying fishing, a sport that has taken me many beautiful places.





More Fish of the Month

TVFF members, Greg Bayuga and Connor Baker did some salt water inshore fishing in Louisiana. Using 10 wt rods, together they landed a total of five fish. Greg caught three large redfish, while Connor caught a large black drum and slot sized redfish. Connor promised his wife he'd bring home a fish for dinner, but accidentally dropped it back in the water. He was just doing what us fly fishermen do best, practicing catch and release.



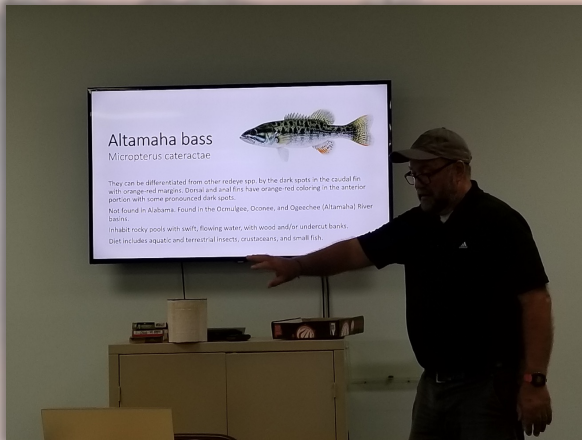
TVFF member, Jon Reinecke put the Stealth Bomber we tied in July to the test. He probably caught almost every fish in the pond. At fly tying this month, Jon said he wanted to tie something new, since all the fish in his pond are now familiar with the Stealth Bomber. Thank you for sharing! Hope that Greg's Popper Jig can reenergize those fish to take a fly.



September TVFF Recap

September Meeting

Our guest speaker for September was Mr. Brian Carrico. He has a goal of catching all species of black bass. So far, he is well on his way, having already caught 10. One of the furthest ones away from Huntsville is the Guadalupe Bass in the Texas hill country. Brian hopes to catch one of those soon. Thank you Brian for being our guest speaker. We learned a lot, and we now know how lucky we are to live in a state with probably more different types of bass than anywhere else!



September Fly Tying

We tied some cool foam patterns for the month of September. For the first session, Steve Kerkhof led us in tying the GFA Hopper. This is a good fly for hopper season when targeting trout out West. For the second session, Connor Baker led us in tying Kreb's Popper Jig. An easy to tie popper pattern, where you can make your own heads out of foam cylinders. Tools to tie this can be found at River Road Creations' website.



ADCNR Installs Invasive Carp Signs at Tennessee River Public Boat Ramp

The following is an excerpt from an article in Outdoor Alabama. It is dated September 12, 2023. As you can see Alabama is not immune to invasive species. Please do your part and report sightings of these fish.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is expanding its awareness campaign about two species of invasive carp that pose a potential threat to the state’s native freshwater fish and habitats – bighead and silver carp.

The Fisheries Section of ADCNR’s Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division is in the process of posting informational signs at public boat ramps along the Tennessee River in north Alabama to help boaters and anglers identify bighead and silver carp if sighted in or harvested from the river. The signs will be posted at all ADCNR public boat ramps along the Tennessee River this fall.

“Due to the threat posed by invasive carp we are working to protect the state’s aquatic resources from these invaders,” said Chris Greene, Chief of WFF’s Fisheries Section. “Currently, the areas of concern for silver carp in Alabama are the Tennessee and Tombigbee rivers. When established, these fish not only negatively impact native fishes they can also harm boaters by jumping out of the water when startled by the vibrations and noises produced by boat motors. A jumping carp strike can cause serious injury to anyone on board a vessel.”

There are four species of invasive carp that have been introduced in the U.S. – bighead, silver, grass and black carp. These fish have long been an issue in parts of the Midwest. Bighead, silver and grass carp are known to exist in Alabama waters. Silver and black carp are the greatest immediate threat to Alabama due to the state’s abundant aquatic resources and habitat. To date, black carp have not been documented in the state.

Boaters and anglers are encouraged to report sightings and/or harvests of bighead and silver carp to WFF’s Fisheries Section by phone at (256) 353-2634 or by email at asiancarp@dcnr.alabama.gov. When reporting a sighting or harvest, please provide the following information: the location (GPS coordinates, if possible), the date and clear photos of the fish. If reporting the harvest of an invasive carp, it is very important that you do not release it back into the water.

For more information about invasive carp in Alabama, visit www.outdooralabama.com/asian-carp-alabama.



INVASIVE CARP

LOOK FOR:

- » Low-set eye; large upturned mouth without barbels
- » Silver in color; Bighead Carp have dark blotches on the back and sides
- » Scaleless head; body scales are very small
- » Adults typically weigh 5-50 lbs. and measure 1-3 ft.
- » Silver Carp may jump out of the water when disturbed by boat motors

BIGHEAD CARP (Short Keel)

SILVER CARP (Elongated Keel)

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TRANSPORT LIVE WILD CAUGHT BAITFISH TO OR FROM THIS LAKE

Gizzard Shad (native) Juvenile Bighead Carp Juvenile Silver Carp Juvenile

REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS, WITH EXACT LOCATIONS, TO:

Alabama Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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256-353-2634
asiancarp@dcnr.alabama.gov

OutdoorAlabama.com/asian-carp-alabama



Top 10 Commandments for New Trout Fishermen

The following is a summary of an article in Hatch Magazine. The entire article can be found [here](#). It is dated September 28th, 2023 and authored by Todd Tanner. We can easily forget how to trout fish in Alabama. Having so much great bass water. This article is the perfect refresher for trout fishing as we get into Fall.

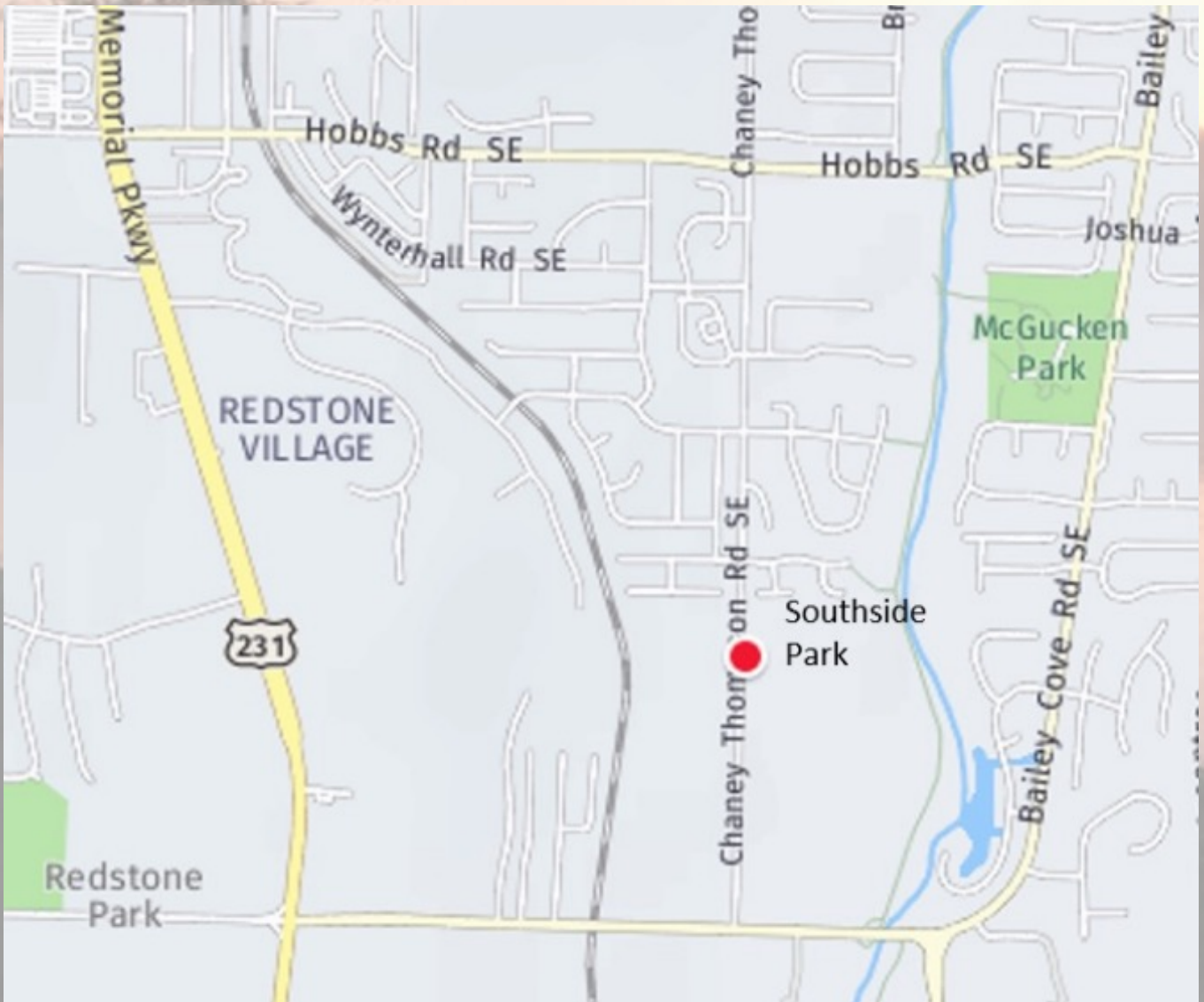
1. **Use a well-designed rod, reel and line:** Get a setup you can cast well and is good quality. There are plenty of cheap rods that work great. Aim for a 4wt or 5wt eight or nine foot rod.
2. **Practice your knots:** There are a few knots you will need to know. I.E. perfection loop, blood knot, surgeons knot, et al. Practice these while you aren't fishing. It will make it easier when you are on the water trying to attach 7x tippet to your leader.
3. **Focus on your leaders:** Make sure you are using a leader that is right for what you are fishing. Do your research. How long should your leader be? Should it be fluorocarbon or nylon?
4. **Practice your casting:** If you don't make it on the water often, practice in your backyard. Don't let your casting limit you when you finally have that chance to fish.
5. **Develop your awareness skills:** Be aware of your surroundings when you are fishing. This will help you know what flies to use and where to fish.
6. **Fish at an appropriate pace:** Fish at a pace that helps you methodically cover the water. Fishing too fast, you might pass over fish. Fishing too slow, and you might waste your time fishing a spot that you have already spooked the fish.
7. **Learn your bugs:** You should be able to differentiate bugs on the river you frequently fish. If you know them, then you will know what fly pattern to put on.
8. **Avoid the fly cult:** Effective flies are important, but if you are not catching fish, it might not be your fly. Oftentimes, casting and presentation is the problem. Fly selection is important, but those are much more crucial.
9. **Concentrate on your drift:** Make sure your fly drift mimics how a bug would actually float down the stream.
10. **Follow the Golden Rule:** Share your stream with other anglers. Don't disrupt water others are fishing. If you respect them, they will respect you.



Joe Tremblay Memorial Aldridge Creek Cleanup - October 7th, 8:30 AM

The club has been wading and picking up trash from a section of Aldridge Creek between Hobbs Rd and Green Cove Rd for many years. Joe Tremblay was instrumental in starting this project and the Board voted to name this cleanup day in his honor. We will meet on Saturday October 7th at 8:30 AM at Southside Park, 15935 Chaney Thompson Rd. in southeast Huntsville , AL. If you don't want to wade you can help staff the tent and talk to folks on the Greenway who inquire.

Operation Green Team, a part of Huntsville city government, provides trash bags, grippers and cotton gloves for us. We will divide up into teams and each team will cleanup a short section of the creek. It might be a good idea to bring a bottle of water for yourself. The club will buy lunch for the volunteers afterward.





Annual Membership Meeting October 19th

The October meeting is the Annual Membership Meeting, as is spelled out in the bylaws. We will hold elections for four Board of Director positions as noted below. We will also present the 2024 Budget to be voted on by the members.

The bylaws specify nine Board positions consisting of 4 officers – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 directors – Activities, Communications, Membership, Education and Conservation. The term for all positions is two years but the terms are staggered to help maintain continuity on the Board of Directors.

Elections

This year we will elect 4 positions – Vice President, Secretary, Education and Conservation. The term for these positions begin January 1, 2024 and end December 31, 2025. The nominees are:

Vice President: Andy King

Secretary: Rodney Durrett

Education: Brian Moore

Conservation: Bob Lowery

2024 Budget

The 2024 budget will be presented to the membership for approval.

Charter or Affiliate

The business portion of the meeting will be followed by a report from the Board on the advantages and disadvantages of changing the status of the club with FFI from Charter Club to Affiliate Club.





Chamness Award Nominations

Know someone deserving of recognition at TVFF? Nominations are being accepted for the 2023 Chamness Award. It's named after Johnny Chamness, one of our founding members whose dedication and service were instrumental to the club's success. Although Johnny never held office, his service to the club continued unabated until the years and health issues forced him to limit his activities. Johnny's countless contributions were officially recognized in 1998 with the creation of the Johnny Chamness Award for excellence in service.

In keeping with the spirit of service to the club, the Chamness Award is presented to members who have provided invaluable service to the club through their contributions of time, energies, and support of club functions, activities, events and goals. Nominations are easy. Simply submit the candidate's name along with the reason you feel he or she is deserving of the award to [Steve Kerkhof](#), our most recent recipient. Please keep your nomination confidential so the recipient can be surprised. You can also mail your nomination to TVFF, PO Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815. Please submit your nominations by the October meeting on October 19th.



Mark your calendars for the Annual TVFF November Banquet!

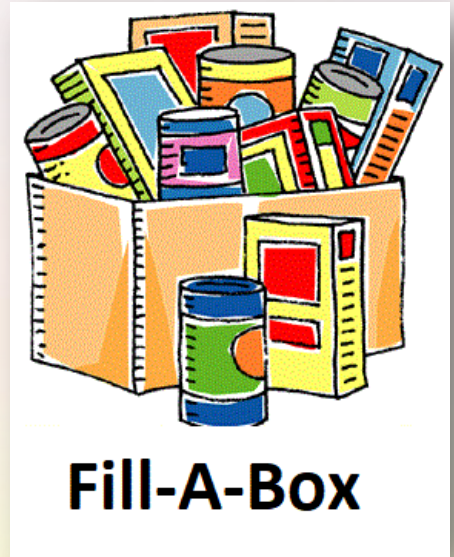
In line with the Johnny Chamness Award mentioned above, this year's banquet will be Friday November 10th. Board members will be calling shortly to get a head count so we can know how much food to order. If you are interested in donating any items or even if you are interested in attending, please contact Mr. Larry Hice, lhice@plasticfusion.com or (256) 508-2344. This is the number one money maker for our club. If you are a new fly fisher, this is a good chance to pick up some new items. In addition to the auction, there will be a raffle with many items.



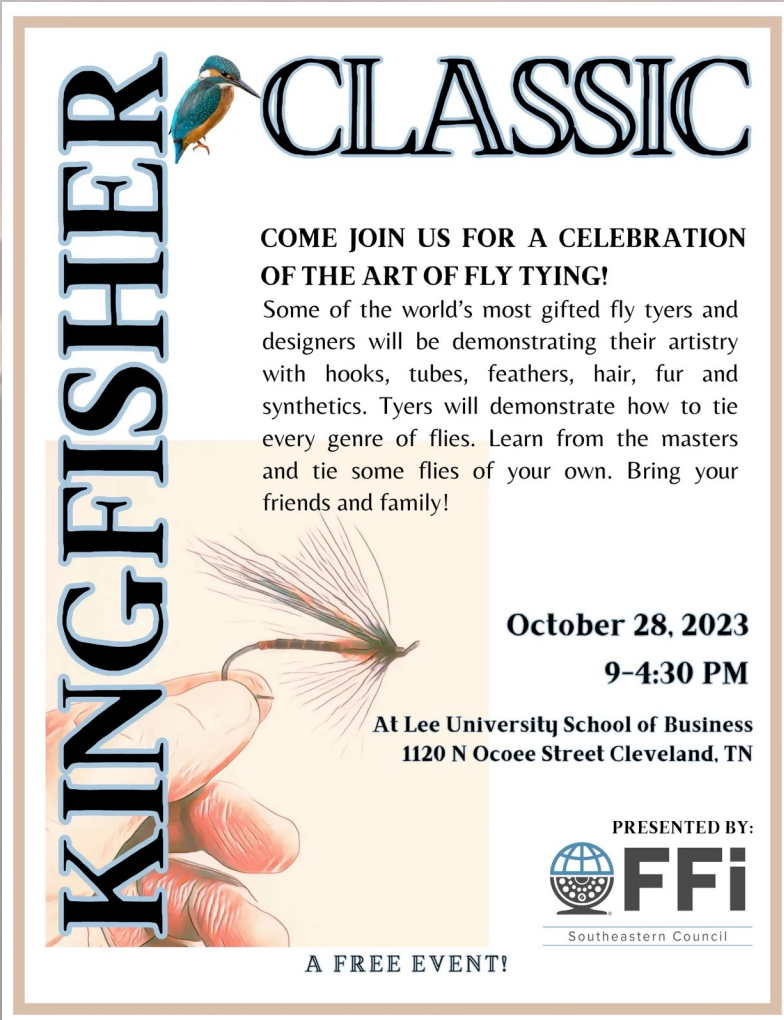


Food Drive Box

Faith Presbyterian Church has a community food drive box outside of the church, in their parking lot. This box receives and distributes food staple items to members of the community in need. If you would like to help, please bring non-perishable items to place in the box. Faith Presbyterian Church has generously let us use Room 201 for years. The least we can do is provide food to members of their church community in need.



Kingfisher Classic – an FFI event



KINGFISHER CLASSIC

COME JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE ART OF FLY TYING!

Some of the world's most gifted fly tyers and designers will be demonstrating their artistry with hooks, tubes, feathers, hair, fur and synthetics. Tyers will demonstrate how to tie every genre of flies. Learn from the masters and tie some flies of your own. Bring your friends and family!

October 28, 2023
9-4:30 PM

At Lee University School of Business
1120 N Ocoee Street Cleveland, TN

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A FREE EVENT!

October Funny Holidays

Fluffernutter Day October 8th

The word got my attention. It is a funny word and fun to say. Maybe I should have known, but I had to look it up. It is a sandwich made with peanut butter and marshmallow fluff. It is a new England tradition, maybe because Marshmallow Crème was invented by Archibald Query in Somerville, Mass. In 1917.

Now I am thinking about a foam hopper pattern with one layer of white foam and one layer of tan. I'll call it the fluffernutter. It might not catch fish but it might catch fisherman.



Chucky the Killer Doll Day October 25th

Chucky is the feature character in a series of horror movies that began with *Child's Play* in 1988. The premise is that a serial killer who, to escape the police, uses a voodoo ritual to transfer his soul into a toy store doll. Mayhem ensues.

Some folks have given the nickname Chucky to ex-Oakland Raiders head coach Jon Gruden. When asked about it he said "I don't know. I don't see the resemblance". You be the judge.

I never saw the movies but maybe you did. What better way to celebrate the day than a Chucky movie marathon.



Chucky doll



Bad Chucky



Jon Gruden



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