



# TVFF Club News

September 2019



**Program – September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm**  
**Riverside Fly Shop**  
**Brandon Jackson**



**Brandon Jackson (left) and an angler on the Sipsey Fork**

Brandon was scheduled for the July meeting but had to cancel due to illness. We will try again this month. Brandon and his wife Mary Carole are the owners of Riverside Fly Shop on Sipsey Fork near Jasper, AL. Come find out about fishing the Sipsey Fork, the tailwaters for Lewis Smith Lake. It is stocked with rainbow trout by Alabama DCNR. You can wade, fish from a canoe or kayak or take a guided trip. The Riverside Fly Shop has everything you need, boat and gear rental, the best flies and advice on how to fish them.

## Updated Fishing Reports

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

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**No new members this month**

**Board of Directors Budget Meeting**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 PM Room 201**  
**Members Welcome**

## This Month's Activities

- Sept 12 Fly Tying - 7pm Room 201
- Sept 19 Budget Mtg - 6:30 Rm 201
- Sept 19 Program - 7pm Room 201
- Sept 26 Fly Tying - 7pm Room 201



## BOD Minutes

BOD minutes are now available for review at the monthly meetings.

Members can read the minutes by simply asking the Club Secretary, David Hatfield.



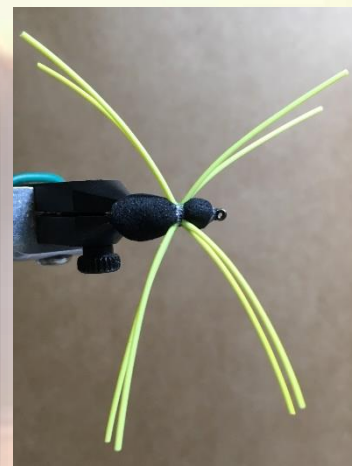
## TVFF Fly Tying Group

### XXX – Tier: Debbie Hill

**12 September:** Debbie will be tying a Spider Series, three flies in one night. She will be demonstrating the Bully's Bluegill spider (left), slow sinking spider (middle) and foam body spider (right). All three of these flies are fun and easy to tie. All are very effective when fishing for bluegills, crappie and the occasional bass. To make it more interesting, two of these flies feature unusual hooks.

**Faith Presbyterian Church, 7-9 PM**

**Cost \$2.00**



### Belly Scratcher – Tier: Dick Curtis

**26 September:** The Belly Scratcher is a minnow pattern tied with synthetic materials. Beads are used in a unique way to weight the fly and make it ride hook point up so that it can be fished near the bottom of a flowing river. The fly has been a success in the US and in northern Europe.

**Faith Presbyterian Church, 7-9 PM**

**Cost \$2.00**



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



## Catch of the Month –

One of many west slope cutthroats caught by David Darnell (not pictured) and friend Mark on British Columbia's Elk River. Guide Brennan is holding one of David's fish caught on a dry midge. David and Mark began the day fishing nymphs but switched to small dries, including ants and beetles, as the water warmed.

This looks like a trip for your bucket list!



## Social Media Coordinator

**Jarrod Schneider** has volunteered to be the TVFF Social Media Coordinator. He is posting club activities on our Facebook page and working on our Instagram page. Check it out.

He did get a message on Facebook from someone in the Huntsville area that wants casting lessons. Let Jarrod know if you are willing to help a neighbor improve his casting.

## Election of Officers and Directors

Elections will occur at the Annual Meeting in October. We elect six Directors in even years and four Directors in odd years. The Directors that will be elected this year are Vice President, Secretary, Conservation Director and Education Director.

The club needs the participation of its members to flourish. The Board of Directors meet four times per year. Meetings last about 2 hours. Whether you can volunteer a couple of hours per week or a couple of hours per month there is a position that you can fill. Your help is appreciated and you will find the effort rewarding.

Talk to any Board member if you want to serve or just seek more information. If you are contacted by the Nominating Committee then please give it thoughtful consideration.

## Aldridge Creek Cleanup November 2<sup>nd</sup>

One of the club's conservation/civic activities is cleanup day at Aldridge Creek. TVFF members wade a section of the creek near Challenger Middle School to remove trash from the creek and its banks. We also need individuals to man the tent to "meet and greet" and answer questions about TVFF. Mark your calendar, we'd love to see you on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Additional details will be provided in the October newsletter.



## TVFF Annual Banquet/Auction

**November 8, 2019 6:30 PM, Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall**

### Mark Your Calendar

Our annual banquet/auction will be held on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. The auctioneer will be the same as last year, Mr. Victor Luna.

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.

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Debbie Hill tying the ESTAZ bug on August 26. Dick Curtis was either getting more Estaz or preparing to demonstrate how you can strip a large feather to get fibers for a tail. It is a great substitute for Marabou.

## Casting for Recovery, Fill a Fly Box

Debbie Hill is the point of contact for TVFF. If you would like to participate then tie 14 flies of the same pattern and give them to Debbie.

To avoid duplications, this is the current list of flies that Debbie has received for Casting for Recovery:

Bead-head Pheasant Tail  
Red Squirrel nymphs  
Wooly Bugger-Olive  
Scuds

Bully's Spider  
Chernobyl Ant  
Wooly Bugger-Black  
White Gurgler

Grub Worm  
San Juan Worms  
Carrie's Soft Hackle





## TVFF Annual Banquet/Auction for 2018 (continued from page 4)

### Our Annual Money Making Event

This annual auction is a primary source of funds for the club. Without the generous support of you, the members, we would not be able to have the quality programs and activities that we enjoy during the year. The auction proceeds are the primary source of income for the club.

### Please Donate Items

First, we need donated items for the raffle and auction. Many individuals purchase items and donate them. These include fishing tackle, gear bags, lines, reels, rods, and fly tying material. Other members make items to be sold, including items that are of interest to other family members. Tying benches, flies, crafts, and wall hangings have all been donated. We had books, rods reels and a very nice float tube won at auction.

In the past we have had donations from **FFI, Wapsi, Orvis, Dally's Fly Shop, Fly South Fly Shop, Golden Rule Fly Shop, Tim's Flies & Lies Outfitters, Riverside Fly Shop, Wishes & Fishes Fly Shop** and others. We will also have some smaller items which will be raffled during the auction. Raffle tickets will be available at the Banquet registration table.

Second, we need you to bid and buy the items. It is all done in fun while helping the club. And you can obtain some nice items in the exchange.

### Banquet/Auction Location

The banquet will be at Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, **Friday** night, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This is the site of our current meeting place. We will have a catered meal, with members paying for adults while the club pays for the kids.

### Banquet/Auction Overview

Upon arrival you will check-in at the registration table at the entrance, pay for the banquet and obtain your assigned number/paddle for the auction. Raffle tickets will also be available here for some small select items that will be raffled off during the auction. Then find yourself a table/seating for the banquet. Following the banquet, the auction will commence, and items will be bid upon by the membership using the numbered paddles obtained during check-in. After the live auction we will draw for this year's participation raffle items and cup raffle items.

After the auction and raffle, all auction acquisitions will be totaled per paddle number and each member will pay for his/her total purchases (checks or cash, please).

### 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.

**NOTE:** To assist in room set-up and clean-up before & after the Banquet/Auction some volunteers will be required. Please contact Larry Hice if you can be available for assistance in this area.



## Swap Meet

The August meeting was dedicated to our annual swap meet. As you can see we had a great turnout. After the shopping was done everyone just hung out to swap stories and tell tales. It is a common interest that brings us together but once we are together we find other interests that we share. At his retirement party Bill Pittenger told me how much he was going to miss TVFF. One look at this picture should tell you why.



Your **Alabama Freshwater Fishing** license expired 8/31. Alabama residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from purchasing a license. Go to <https://www.outdooralabama.com/> for additional information.

## Fill a Box

**Faith Presbyterian Church** sponsors a "Fill a Box" program to assist seniors in our community that are identified as food insecure. Please help TVFF support this worthwhile activity by bringing one item from the list below 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 (Hamburger Helper, 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





# TO FLY FISH

BETTER FLY FISHING SKILLS FOR YOUR SPECIES!



## ARTICULATED DAMSELFLY PATTERN RUFFED DAMSEL

Fishing damselfly patterns is one of the most fun ways to fly fish stillwaters. I personally love to fly fish damselflies shallow when I can cast in between pockets or channels of weeds. The fish explode on these little, methodical swimmers, but one thing is certain—damselflies have a characteristic back and forth swimming ...



# 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.



## September Holidays

### Big Whopper Liar Day

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September**

Since 1988 in Harmony, IN, on the third Saturday in September, men and women have gathered to celebrate the tall tale. The event was started by a resident and is now part of the local German Festival . About fifteen contestants take the stage in front of a crowd of maybe 400. They get four minutes to spin the most incredible yarn they can come up with. A team of judges award points for exaggeration, humor, stage presence and storytelling ability. It costs \$5 to enter, there is no word on the prizes or how many of the contestants are fisherman.



## International Talk Like a Pirate Day

**Sep 19<sup>th</sup>**

Two friends were playing racquetball in 1995 in Oregon when one of them was injured, exclaiming Arrr! to the pain. The injury must not have been serious because it soon led to the idea of National Talk Like a Pirate Day when everyone is supposed to speak like a pirate.

Hello or Hi becomes “Ahoy maties” or “Ahoy me hearties” for observers of the day. The holiday gained a national audience through a newspaper column by Dave Berry, a nationally syndicated humor columnist.

Test your knowledge:

Why is pirating so addictive? They say after you lose your first hand you get hooked!

What has eight legs, eight arms, and eight eyes? Eight Pirates!

What do you call a pirate with two arms, two legs and two eyes? A beginner!

What is a pirates favorite letter? You’d think it’d be Rrrr, but they love the C!



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