



TVFF Club News

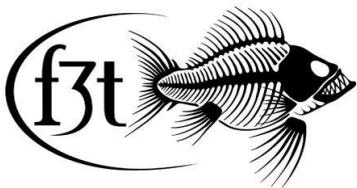
September 2020



September Program - Virgil Jones



Virgil Jones is the president of the Sipsey Fork Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Sipsey Fork, being the only year-round coldwater fishery in Alabama, is the at-large chapter for the state. Virgil will talk with us about the current state of the fishery and their plans for Sipsey Fork. He knows the ins and outs of the 13 mile stretch of rainbow trout water. Trout Unlimited's goal is conservation and improvement. Being the most southern coldwater fishery east of the Mississippi, Sipsey Fork is a special place. Please join us and learn about your local trout stream!



The virtual Fly Fishing Film Tour is going on through Sept. 2. <https://flyfilmtour.com/>. You have to [buy a ticket](#) to stream the films.

Updated Fishing Reports

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

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Welcome New Members

Ev Stephen

This Month's Activities

- Sep 10 Fly Tying – Virtual 7:00 PM
- Sep 17 Meeting – Virtual 7:00 PM
- Sep 24 Fly Tying – Virtual 7:00 PM



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

Fly tying sessions will be conducted online via Zoom video conferencing software until further notice.

10 September 7PM via Zoom

Royal Wulff- Featured Tyer Steve Kerkhof (Kit Pickup Wednesday Sep 9)

Lee Wulff created this fly in 1930. It is an American fly inspired by a British fly called the Royal Coachman. We will watch a video of Lee Wulff tying this fly in his hand without a vise. It was one of the first flies to use bucktail for tail and wings which made it much more durable and Lee says the additional bulk increases its appeal to the fish.

Materials: Size 10 dry fly hook, black 8/0 thread, brown bucktail, white bucktail, peacock herl, red silk floss, two hackle feathers, brown or ginger



24 September 7PM via Zoom

Wilson's Bream Reaper – Featured Tyer: Casey Jonas (Kit Pickup Wednesday Sep 23)

This pattern was created by Terry Wilson, an avid Bluegill fisherman. It features bead chain eyes and a rubber like dubbing called Senyo's Shaggy Dub. It uses rubber leg material to make a unique tail. Terry reports that is effective for crappie too.

Materials: Size 10 dry fly hook, 140 Denier thread color to match, medium Round Rubber legs, 5/64 bead chain, Uni Yarn, red ultra wire, bright color dubbing, Senyo's Shaggy Dub



Kits will be available for pick up at the south door of Faith Presbyterian Church from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on the Wednesday prior to the tying session. (You can send a \$2.00 donation to TVFF, P.O. Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815, if desired)

Health Notice: By picking up a kit, you accept any and all health risks that may be associated with use of these kits.

Catch of the Month

Bob Lowery (right) caught this smallmouth three Saturdays ago on Bluewater Creek, west of Elgin, AL.. He was fishing with a white gurgler that he received in the TVFF Urban Fishing Challenge. We don't see many smallmouth pictures. I've never caught one but I think Fred had a picture of one from the Flint River in July.

Connor Baker sends this picture (bottom right) of a trout from Hatchery Creek in Kentucky.

Dana Beyerle sends this picture (bottom) of a bream from the Jones Ponds.



You can e-mail your picture to editor@tvff.club or [Steve Kerkhof](#). Please include the fisherman's name, body of water, approximate date and any other interesting details.

Zoom Meeting Instructions

You will receive a Zoom meeting invitation in the TVFF reminder email that is sent on Sunday evening before a scheduled fly tying night or club meeting. There are 3 ways to join the meeting. You can copy/paste the link in the invitation into your browser OR go to <https://zoom.us> and click "Join A Meeting" in the upper right of the screen OR if you have installed the Zoom app then you can open the app and enter the meeting number and password from the invitation. If prompted you should click yes to allow Zoom to use the camera and microphone on your computer, then we can see you and hear you in the meeting. You may be placed in a Zoom "waiting room" when you first join. Be patient and you will be admitted to the meeting by a host or cohost. This is another layer of security for our online meetings.



Annual Banquet and Auction Cancelled

Due to the current pandemic, the TVFF Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 TVFF Banquet and Auction.

Cancelling the event was a difficult decision to make because it's the only time of the year where we get to mingle with so many members and their family, and also the auction provides nearly 90% of our annual income.

Even so, the BOD decided the health and well being of our members was more important and cancelling the event will provide additional time for the development of the covid19 vaccine.

We will resume our traditional holiday get-together next year, in the meantime, please Zoom in on our monthly meetings and fly tying sessions and above all, stay healthy.

Joe Tremblay
President

Rod Building Equipment For Sale

Gerry Guinn, a former TVFF member and rod building instructor is selling excess rod building equipment. Over the years, Gerry has taught many of our members the skills needed to build custom fly rods. I've taken Gerry's class several times resulting in a Sage rod and 2 bamboo rods, all of which I treasure.

You can call or text Gerry at 256 683 7181 to get your own CRB rod building system and rod dryer for \$22.50 while supplies last.



**CRB Rod Wrapping System
including support (not shown)
\$12.50**



**CRB Rod Dryer including
support (not shown)
\$10**

Annual Membership Meeting and Elections in October

TVFF will have elections for five Board positions at the Annual Membership Meeting in October. In even years the positions on the ballot are President, Treasurer, Membership Director, Activities Director and Communications Director. The nominating Committee is seeking nominees for one or more positions. Please consider serving on the TVFF Board. Contact [Joe Tremblay](#) if you would like to volunteer.

There is no indication that we will be able to meet in person in October so the meeting will be conducted online via a Zoom videoconference.

Rainbow City Fly Fishing Club Video

George Fant, from the Rainbow City Fly Fishing Club in Gadsden, sent this note and a link to a video their club has posted to YouTube.

“Rainbow Fly Fishing Club new video featuring Club member Craig Gilley’s great new song, “Water” I hope you enjoy. We can help make one for TVFF too.”



Casting for Recovery 2020 Retreat Season Update

As of June 1, 2020, Casting for Recovery has had to postpone the 2020 retreat season due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As you can imagine these participants are among some of the most vulnerable ladies in their communities. Additionally, there is concern about the safety of staff and volunteers. No announcement has been made regarding the 2021 retreat season, but stay tuned. As soon as programs can be adjusted or it becomes safe to hold traditional retreats there will be an announcement. In fact, if you know of a lady being treated or recovering from breast cancer that would like to be included in a future retreat, applications are expected to open in the fall of 2020. TVFF continues to support this very worthy cause and loves to provide fly boxes for women at these retreats. So to all TVFF fly tyers, please continue to tie flies for the fly boxes. Remember, 14 of the same fly, as many sets of 14 as you like. The more of a variety the better. Tie flies that you would use in our local waters. Debbie Hill is collecting your donations and will be ordering fly boxes soon so that we can once again Fill the Fly Boxes.

castingforrecovery.org

The new [FFI Online](#) service provides a variety of weekly programs on fly fishing, casting, and tying experts for entertaining and instructive live online discussions and fly fishing talk.





Monster at Hays Nature Preserve

Earth Day at Hays Nature Preserve was cancelled this year because of coronavirus but TVFF usually has a tent or demonstration there and some of us have fished the lake after the Earth Day activities. It is stocked with trout in the winter and I managed to catch one of the stockers there. Maybe the largemouth bass are catching them too.

A proud grandpa, who is a friend of Larry Hice, sent Larry this picture of his grandson, Ethan, and the 5 lb. 7 oz. bass that Ethan caught on August 5th from the lake at Hays. Ethan is not a fly fisher (yet) so he caught this monster on a chatterbait lure.

It looks like we fly fishers need to develop the fly fishing version of this popular lure. The distinctive feature of the lure is the vibrating blade at the front. An articulated streamer with a Pistol Pete propeller and a rattle might do the trick.



Red Snapper Season Extended

After completing a review of the 2020 private angler red snapper season that ended July 3, 2020, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) has determined three additional days can be added to the private angler recreational season. The additional days will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, and run until midnight on Monday, October 12, 2020.

The additional red snapper fishing days apply to State and Federal waters adjacent to Alabama. The limit will be two fish per angler with a 16-inch total length minimum size.

ADCNR's Marine Resources Division (MRD) reviewed landing estimates derived from angler reports submitted through Alabama's Snapper Check system and determined the additional days are available to achieve the 2020 red snapper quota.

Time to renew your Alabama Fishing License

Your Alabama Freshwater Fishing license expired on August 31st. You can renew online at <https://www.outdooralabama.com/license-information>.



Orvis “20 Days in September” Photo Contest

Orvis is having a fishing/photo contest in September: Fish 20 days in Sept. 2020, at least 10 casts a day. Take pictures of fishes, fly fishers, scenery, flies. Post pictures to Facebook or Instagram with #orvisflyfishing #20sepdays

1st Place = Helios Rod, 2nd Place = Pro Waders, 3rd Place = Mirage LT reel, and one random voter will win a pair of Orvis’s Made-in-the-USA Nippers. (Use the link to see the official rules)

<https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/get-ready-2020-20-days-september-contest>

Thanks to Johnathan Craft for sending this. He has another good idea, read on...

It could be a fun challenge. I’m going to try for 22 days myself... we’ll see. I thought TVFF members might be interested. We could add #tvff to the posts too. I personally plan to fish warm waters in Alabama to try to win it with something non-trout, and celebrating Alabama’s high fish diversity. - Jonathan Craft

2019 Photo Contest Finalists

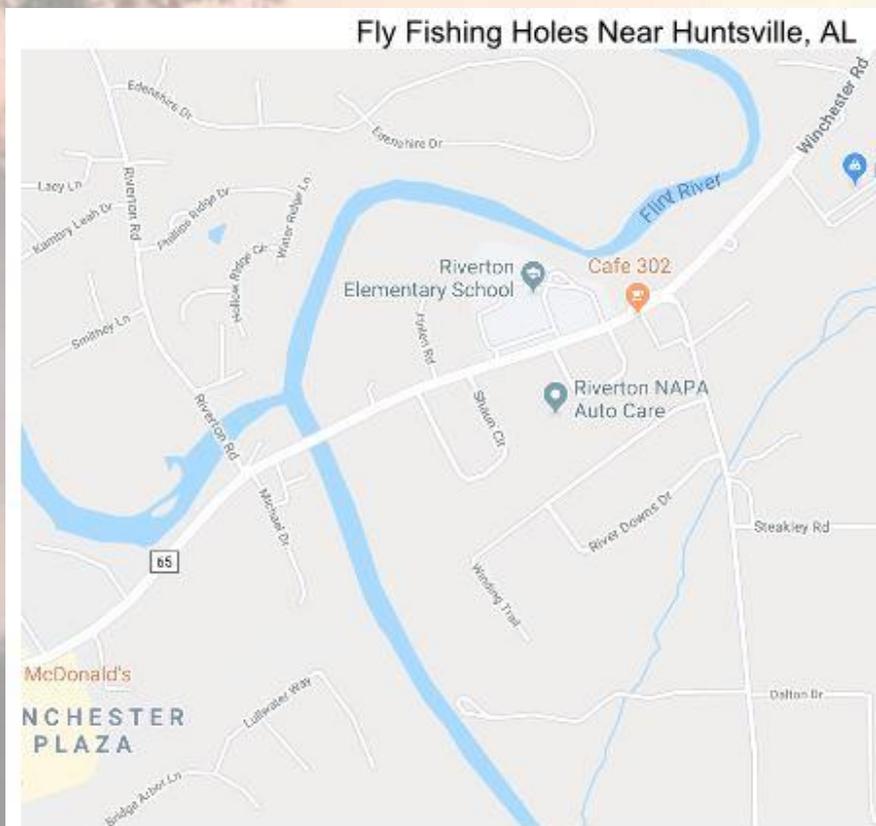


Fly Fishing Holes near Huntsville

Our friend Jonathan Craft who works at the Orvis store made this list to give to Orvis customers and has offered it to TVFF. He goes on to say "I did use distance from Orvis as a way of ordering the fishing holes. I mention types of fishes that can be caught and recommended flies. The maps are not too specific, as I feel that might be unethical to put pressure on exact GPS points. Also, rivers and fishes are dynamic by nature, so you still have to hunt a good spot to fish."

Cheers,
Jonathan Craft

Click the picture to link to the full list.



Location: Flint River (Winchester Rd. Crossing)

Miles from Orvis Huntsville: 16

Directions: I-565 East, Left on Mooresville Rd., Right on Winchester Road

Note: Rent boats from Brown Bear Canoe and Kayak Rental, or pay to park there.

Fishing Platform: Small boats, Shore, Wading

Fish: Bass (largemouth, smallmouth), Sunfish, others

Flies: Wooly Buggers, Complex Twists, Clouser Minnows, Boogle Bugs, Hoppers, Bunny Muddler, Peanut Envy, Dungeon, Maraceivers, Low Fat Minnows, Drunk & Disorderly, Junkyard Dogs, Panfish Poppers, Squirmy Worms, Tactical Jig Buggers, Crystal Damsel Dragon, Wilson's Brim Reapers, Bully Bluegill Spiders.

Alabama freshwater fishing license required.



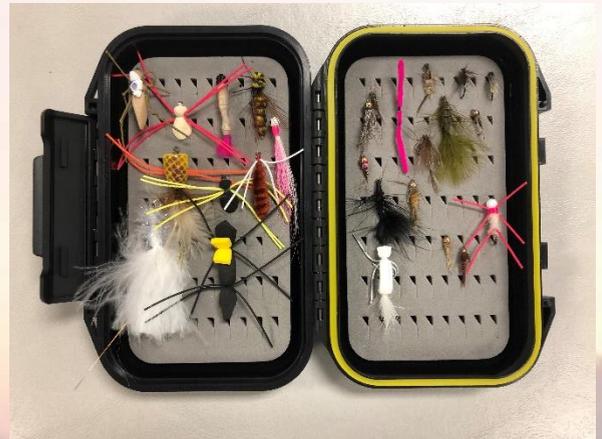
Note from TVFF Membership Director

It is time to renew your TVFF/FFI membership. We run on a May 1 renewal schedule for dues. If you need to renew make a check payable to Tennessee Valley Fly Fishers (TVFF) and mail to: P.O. Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815.

Please contact Debbie Hill at debhill522@gmail.com with any questions.

Casting for Recovery Fly Boxes

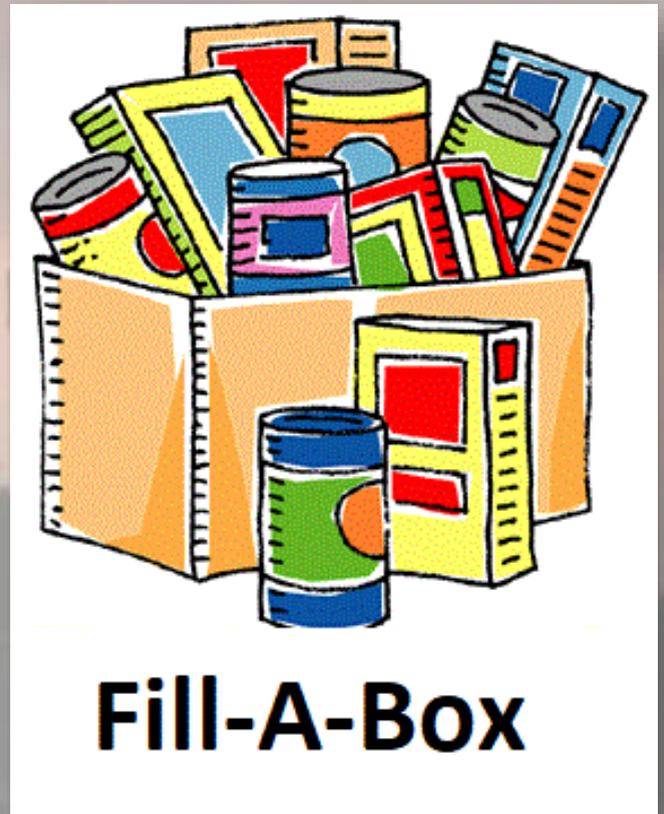
The picture shows one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to Casting for Recovery last year. We would like to do it again. If you are interested then just tie 14 copies of any fly that you'd like to tie. Bring your flies to any club activity and we will get them to Debbie Hill, our Membership Director and a Casting for Recovery volunteer. TVFF will provide the boxes if you provide the flies. **Debbie is accepting cash donations to purchase fly boxes for 2020.** You can find out more about Casting for Recovery here <https://castingforrecovery.org/>. There will be further details about when the flies are needed in a future newsletter.



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

Faith Presbyterian Church sponsors this 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



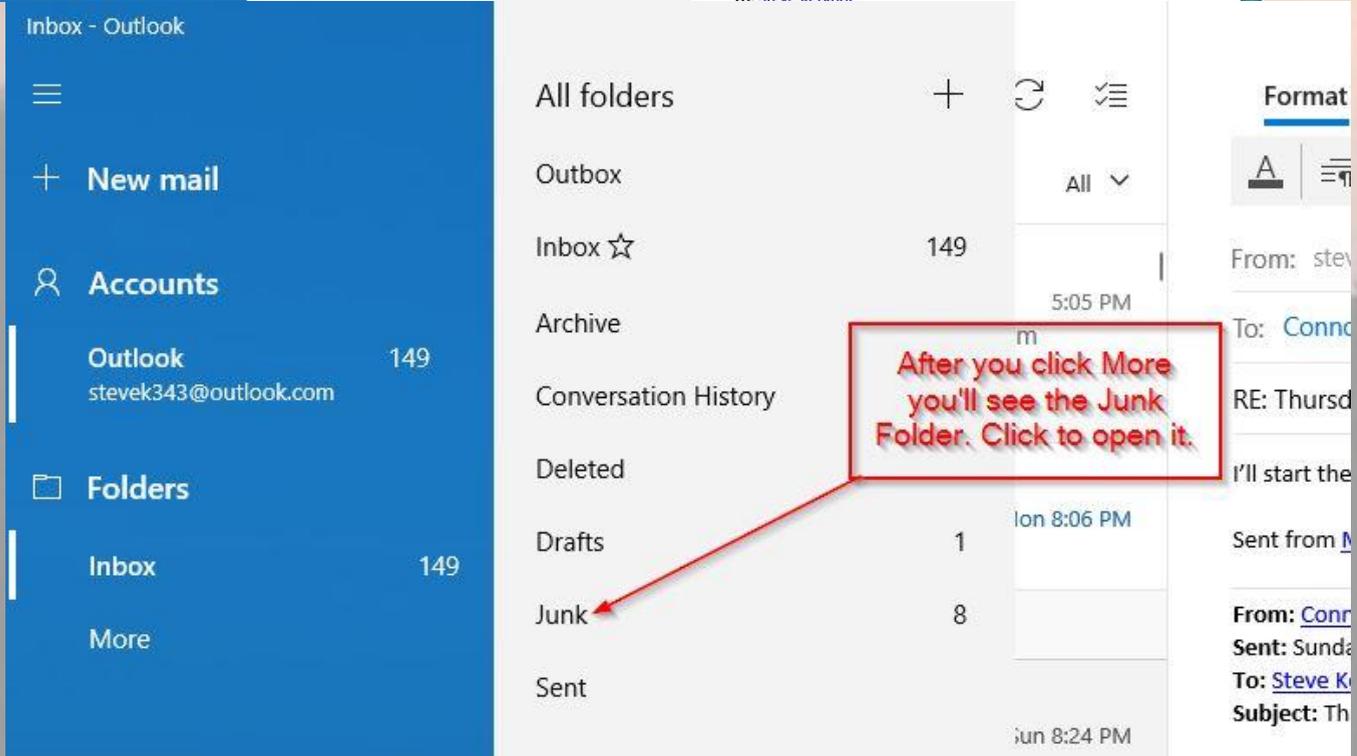
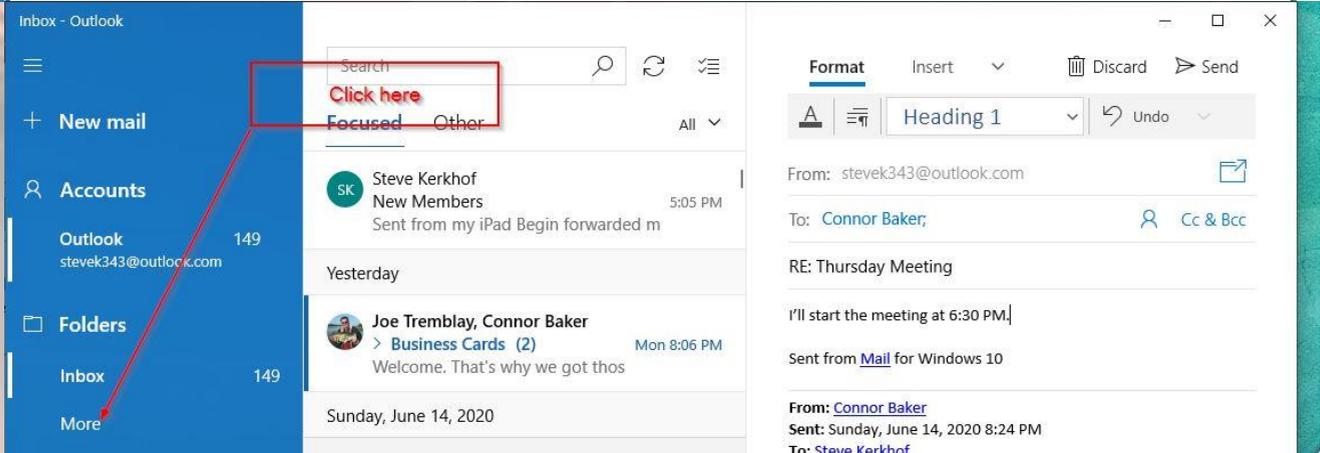
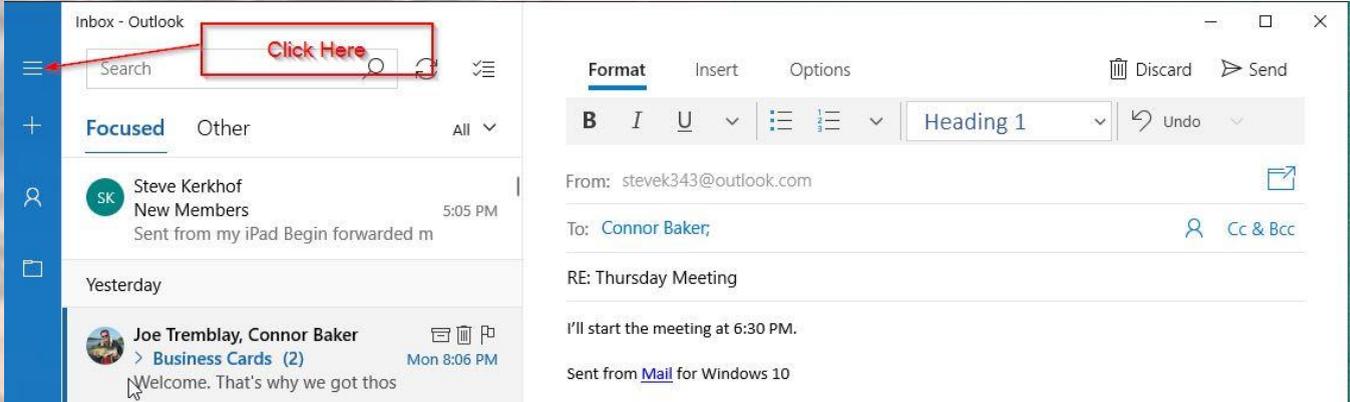
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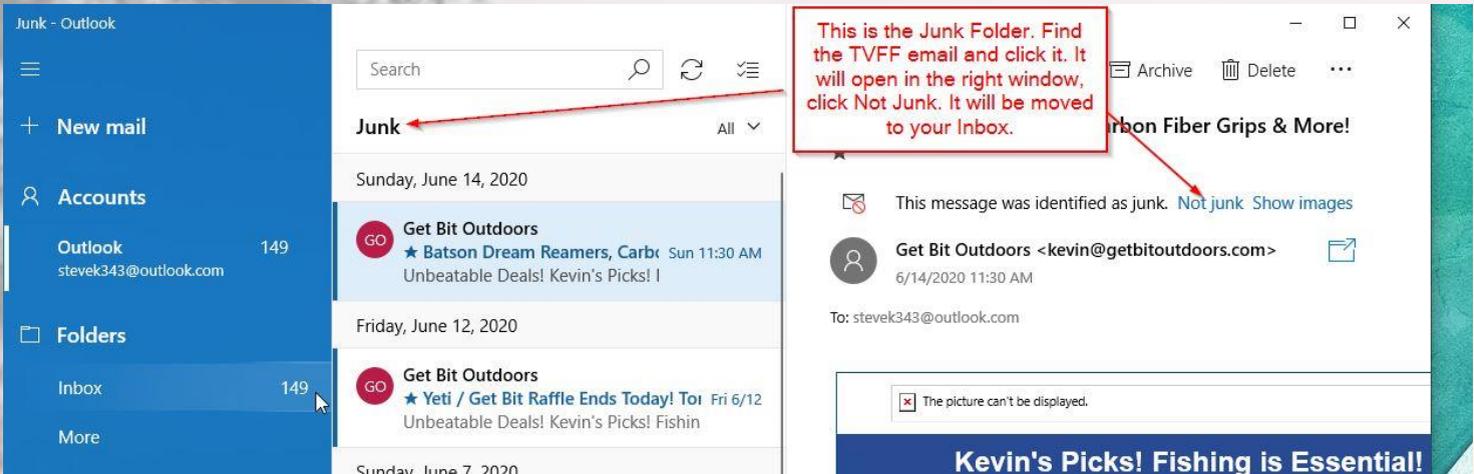




Find Your Junk Folder (Outlook, Outlook live, Hotmail users)

There are at least two long time members who stopped receiving the newsletter and other TVFF emails. Both had Outlook email addresses. The problem was the TVFF emails were being sent to the Junk folder. The pictures show how to find the Junk Folder in the Windows 10 Mail App and describes what to do. This is a temporary fix, the permanent fix is on the next page..



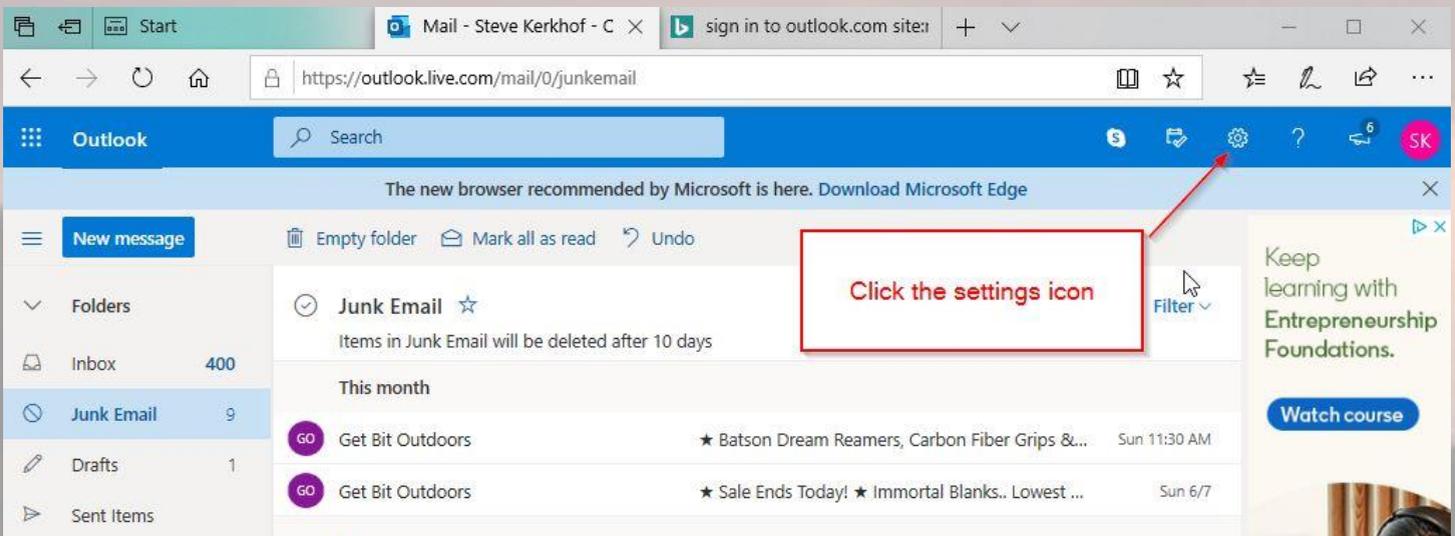


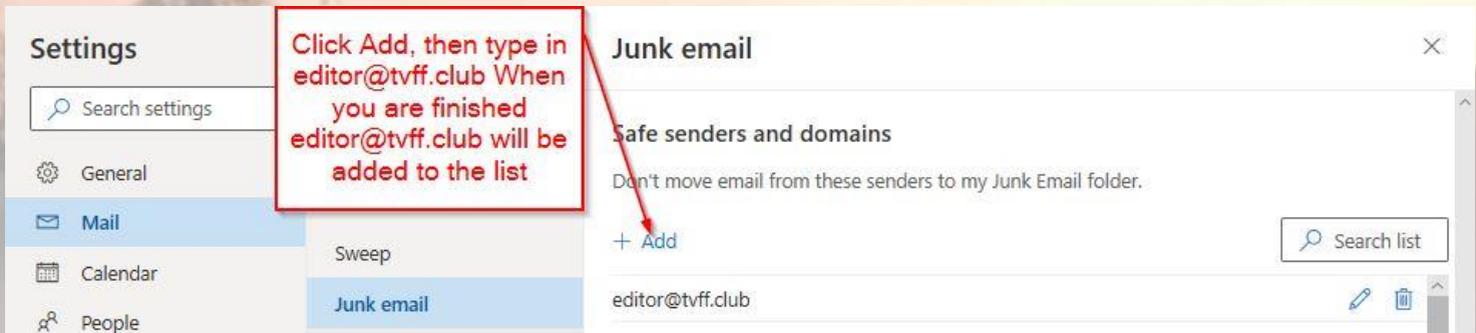
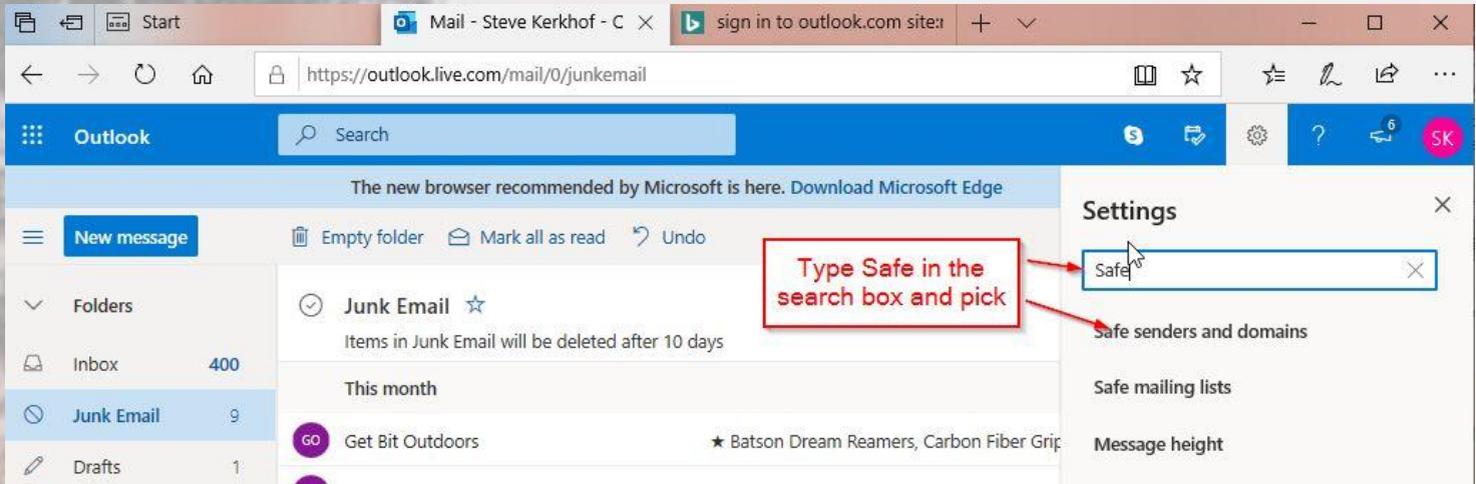
Permanent Fix - Add editor@TVFF.club to your safe senders list

You must do this step by logging into your Outlook account from your browser. Enter this search phrase into your favorite search engine: **sign in to outlook.com site:microsoft.com**

Or click this link for instructions:

<https://www.bing.com/search?q=sign%20in%20to%20outlook.com%20site:microsoft.com&form=B00032&cid=SettingsHAQ-BingIA&mkt=en-US>





Whew! That’s it, you’re done. Please share this with any member you know who is not receiving their TVFF e-mails. The newsletter is always available at the [TVFF website](http://www.tvff.com).

GMAIL Users

For Gmail users your TVFF emails might be ending up in your Spam folder. If you stop receiving your TVFF emails then please check your Spam folder. There might be other mail there that you have been missing too. At least one member has reported that their TVFF e-mails have started going to the Spam Folder. Gmail calls the fix “whitelisting”.

This YouTube video tells you how to be sure your TVFF emails go to your Inbox and not the SPAM folder.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAX9sDxbjP8>



Or you can search YouTube for “GMAIL Spam Filters and Whitelisting”. Maybe you will find a better video or better instructions. Please send an email to editor@tvff.club if you find a simpler solution or a better how-to video.



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 Funny Holidays

Hobbit Day September 21st

The Hobbit (There and Back Again) by J.R.R. Tolkien was published on Sept 21, 1937. In his book Tolkien wrote about Middle Earth, a world inhabited by Dwarves, Elves, Wizards, Hobbits and Men at a time when Dragons still existed. Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, was the unlikely hero of the story.

Hobbits love to eat and they ate several meals a day. The idea that I like is "second breakfast". That is the meal between breakfast and the midday meal. So you can celebrate Hobbit Day by fixing yourself a second breakfast. Maybe a hobbit will drop by.



Cheese Pizza Day Sept 5th

Cheese pizza is a favorite at my house and many others. While I saw one account that said pizza was invented in New York City, everyone in Italy would disagree.

By one estimate 3 billion pizzas are sold in the US every year.

So celebrate the day with a slice, but if you want pepperoni then you'll have to wait until September 20th for Pepperoni Pizza day.



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