



TVFF Club News

January 2020



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Time to renew your membership

This Month's Activities

- Jan 9 Fly Tying - 7pm Room 201
- Jan 16 Mtg./Program - 7 pm Rm 201
- Jan 23 Fly Tying - 7pm Room 201
- **Feb 6 Board Meeting – 7PM Rm 201**

January 16th Program

COMPASS 360

Rick Chiba and Jody Magnusson of Compass 360 will showcase the company's products. Compass 360 is a local manufacture and distributor of quality outer, rain and wade wear products for the US market.

There will be a short presentation on the 2019 Donovan Lakes Club Trip

after which deposits will be accepted. See Donovan Lakes article in this newsletter for details.

Updated Fishing Reports

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



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



Baitfish Series - Featured Tier, Joe Tremblay

9 Jan - The Bulk Head Deceiver
23 Jan - The Fire Tiger Bulkhead
Cost \$2.00

The 2 session series will consist of 2 great baitfish patterns that are sure to attract the attention of any predator species.

We'll begin the series with the highly effective Bulk Head Deceiver and progress to the Fire Tiger Bulk Head.

Don't let the Fire Tiger intimidate you, it's merely a Bulk Head with a bit more flash, a few more feathers for color and some tab eyes to entice the fly fisher. You will be amazed with your results.

Tiers: Bring 140 Denier white thread for these flies



BULKHead Deceiver



FireTiger - BULKhead

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 better yet, of your own designed.

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

Next Board Meeting is February 6 at 7 PM in Room 201 of the church

All members are welcome to attend.

2020 TVFF Board of Directors (and terms)

- President: Joe Tremblay (2019-2020)
- Vice President: Connor Baker (2020-2021)
- Secretary: David Hatfield (2020-2021)
- Treasurer: David Mahlik (2019-2020)
- Membership Director: Debbie Hill (2019-2020)
- Education Director: Fred Kaufman (2020-2021)
- Activities Director: Larry Hice (2019-2020)
- Conservation Director: Corey Pedigo (2020-2021)
- Communications Director: Steve Kerkhof (2019-2020)



2019 Donovan Lakes Club Trip

Open to all club members. Trip includes: 4 nights of accommodations at Donovan Inn and 4 days of fishing at Alabama's premiere bass destinations <http://donavanlakes.org/> All for \$300 +/- including meals. Never fished for bass, no problem. Experienced members are happy to coach you.

Sign up begins at the January Club Meeting. A \$220 deposit will secure your spot. Space is limited and first come first served.



- Monday 4 May to noon Friday 8 May
- 4 full days of fishing at Alabama's premier bass destination
- Room for maximum of 6
- Need a boat for every 2 fly fishers (Kayaks ok but must have 2)
- Per person cost \$300 +/- (transportation, food and lodging)
- Nonrefundable \$220 deposit required to secure a spot
- Standby list available
- First come first served



Catch of the Month - 2019 Year in Review (all that fits)



December Social and Dirty Santa Gift Exchange



David Bailey, the winner of the 2019 participation award, receiving his TFO fly rod and reel from Activities Director Larry Hice.

David was not present when his name was drawn at the Annual Dinner and Auction in November so he accepted the award at the December Social.

The Dirty Santa Gift Exchange followed. It only took couple of turns at Dirty Santa, and some prompting from Joe, for everyone to get in the spirit and start exchanging their present for a better one.



Local Trout Fishing – Two Nearby Locations

Madison County Lake

December 1 – January 31: The lake is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and trout fishing is available for a \$5 daily permit. Fishing for rainbow trout begins the day after Thanksgiving, and trout are stocked again in December and in January. Fish license requirements apply in addition to the daily Madison County Lake permit.

Please call the manager at (256) 776-4905 to verify the schedule before making the trip.

Gadsden, AL

1100 pounds of rainbow trout were stocked in Black Creek above Noccalula Falls on Nov 14th. Fishing requires an Alabama fishing license and a permit from Noccalula Falls Park. Permits cost \$9 per day or \$11 for 3 days. Fly rods only, artificial lures, barbless hooks. Catch and release until Feb. 1. More information is available at www.flyfishgadsdenal.com.



FFI Fly Tying Skills Awards Program

The Fly Tying Group at FFI administers a program to help people become more knowledgeable and accomplished tiers. The goal of the Awards Program is to encourage FFI members to develop and improve their fly tying skills at their own pace through a structured learning plan with progressive goals. There are three levels of award: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Just tie 3 copies of each of five required flies plus 3 copies of three patterns of your choice. Contact an evaluator and send them your flies. The flies will be scored by the evaluator. A passing grade is 75%. There is a \$30 fee, nonrefundable. If you don't pass on the first try you will have an opportunity to correct any deficiency and resubmit. If successful you receive a certificate and pin. Check their website <https://flyfishersinternational.org/Tying/Fly-Tying-Skills-Award-Program/Bronze-Award>. Even if you don't want to submit your flies for evaluation you can test your skill using these patterns and judge them yourself using the evaluation form on the website.



Grey Goose emerger



Pheasant Tail Variant dry fly



Partridge and Orange soft hackle wet fly



Woolly Bugger



Gold Ribbed Hares Ear nymph



FlyLords Magazine



Fly Fishing Fresh Water Humor Outdoors Uncategorized Winter

Santa's 6 Tips For Winter Fishing

By Mark Rauschenberger

[It's no secret that this is the busy season for the man in the red suit. What is a bit of a secret, however, is that unbeknownst to everyone on his team, he's been sneaking out of his North Pole compound on the morning of Christmas Eve for a little self-care. \(click for more\)](#)



2020 SOWBUG ROUNDUP FLY TYING CONTEST

BY JOHN BERRY

The Sowbug Roundup is the annual fly tying show sponsored by the North Arkansas Fly Fishers held in Mountain Home, Arkansas (a 501C3 tax exempt organization). This is considered to be the premier fly tying event in this area of the country and arguably the best in the United States. The proceeds are earmarked to fund local college scholarships (in fishery or environmentally related fields) and other education and conservation projects.

The Sowbug Roundup will be held on March 26, 27 and 28 2020 at the Baxter County Fairgrounds. It is only ten dollars admission for all three days. There are to be 150 fly tyers, vendors, seminars, casting classes and fly tying instruction all at no additional charge. This year's show is to recognize noted fly fisher and fly tyer Dave Whitlock. He is a living legend.

A key component of the Sowbug Roundup is the fly tying contest. I am the chairman of the fly tying contest committee and oversee it. We have been holding this contest for several years and it is a popular event. Other fly tying shows have copied us and implemented their own fly tying contest. The idea is to recognize the best fly tyers among us and to promote the art of fly tying. The ultimate fly tying accessory is a winner's plaque to hang over your fly tying desk.

Rules have been kept to a minimum. The entrant must tie the fly submitted for judging. Each entry must include the name, address, phone number and email address along with two flies for each pattern submitted (they must be exactly the same size, color, etc). You need to include the recipe for the fly, instructions on how to fish it and the category you wish to have it judged in (judges reserve the right to change the category, if needed). There are ten categories, nymph, dry fly, wet fly, streamer, smallmouth bass, bass, warm water, salmon/steelhead, salt water and tenkara. In addition, there is a best in show award. You may submit as many patterns for as many categories as you want. You can win a maximum of three categories (best in show is considered a category). All flies submitted will become the property of the contest and will not be returned. Any fly that contains insect parts (legs wings, etc.) will be eliminated from competition. Commercially tied patterns will not be accepted. The decision of the judges is final. Committee members and judges are not eligible to participate in the contest.

To participate, all you have to do is send your flies, recipes and fishing instructions to me, John Berry, at 408 Combs Ave. Cotter, Arkansas 72626 by Wednesday February 12, 2020. The winners will be announced on Friday March 27, 2020 at the Sowbug Roundup Shindig which will be held at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Mountain Home.

This is your chance to show how good you are. Anyone can enter (except for members of the fly tying committee). I look forward to seeing your flies.

Editor's note: TVFF usually schedules a trip to Mountain Home, Arkansas during the week of the Sowbug Roundup. Be on the lookout for the announcement, or contact Larry Hice (see last page for contact info).



COMPASS 360

TVFF welcomes our newest sponsor Compass 360, a local company that produces Outerwear, Rainwear and Wade wear products for the U.S. Outdoor, Sporting Goods and Power Sports markets.

Compass 360 also has their own brand available on their website with a whopping 25% discount for TVFF members. You'll find quality waders, wading boots, rain gear and accessories and free shipping on orders over \$50.

For a limited time, Compass 360 is selling last year's models and overstocked merchandise at ridiculously low prices at their Huntsville location on [Short Pike Rd.](#) Wading boots for \$20, waders from \$40 to \$100, rain gear from \$5 are some examples. **(Discount does not apply to sale items)*

Don't delay, this sale wont last long.



Fill-A-Box

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



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.

January Weird Holidays

Fruit Cake Toss Day

January 4th

If you have ever received a fruit cake as a gift then you may have re-gifted it, frozen it then threw it away or just tossed it when Aunt Myrtle couldn't see you.

Thanks to Manitou Springs, Colorado for starting Fruit Cake Toss Day. After all, if you are one of the 99% of people that doesn't like fruit cake, then what are you going to do with it? Finally you can have some fun with it before you throw it away. There are a variety of tossing techniques including catapults and cannons as well as the old fashioned throw.

There are tests for distance and accuracy. Maybe the grand prize is a year's supply of fruit cakes.

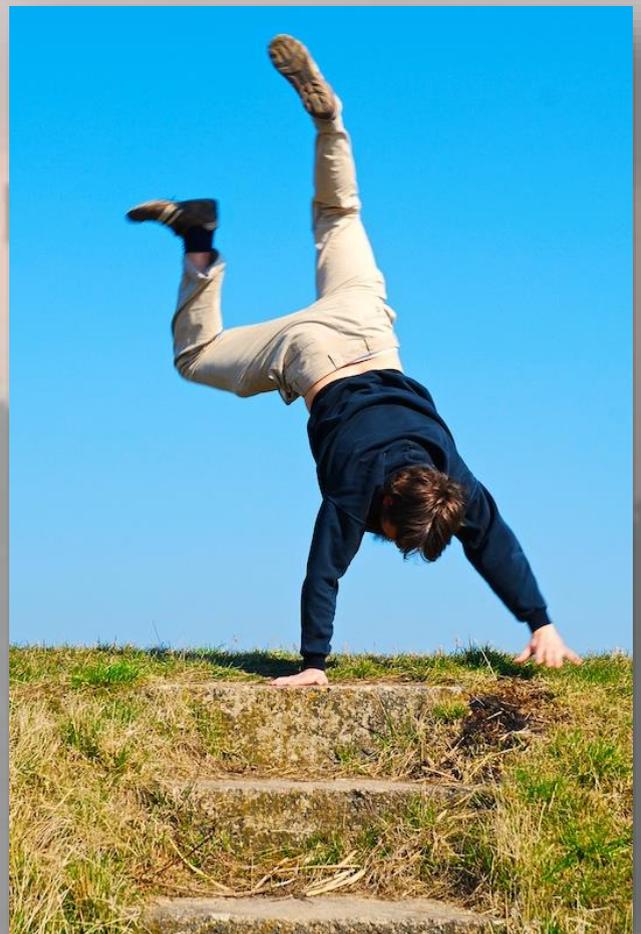


Opposite Day

January 25th

On opposite day you are supposed to do everything opposite the normal way. The idea for opposite day comes from a children's game of doing or saying the opposite thing.

I propose that TVFF celebrate this day at fly tying on Jan 23. Remind me if I forget. We don't have to wear our underwear as outer wear or put the tail at the hook eye or the bottom of the fly on top. We can all just tie with our opposite hand.



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