



TVFF Club News

November 2022



Annual Banquet and Auction Friday November 18th 6:00 PM Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall



Registration at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. The auction to follow dinner. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, no charge for children under 12. Friends and family are welcome. Arrive a little early if you'd like to help set up.

The recipient of the Johnny Chamness award for service to the club will also be announced.

You will be getting a call from a Board member so we can get a headcount before we order the food. You can also email a reservation to [Larry Hice](#) including the number of adults and the number of children under 12. The dinner menu is catered by Ted's BBQ. You can bring a dessert to share if you'd like.

We will be accepting food donations for the Faith Presbyterian Church Fill-a-Box program to assist seniors in need (see [pg. 10](#) for a list of suggested items).

The banquet replaces our program for November. There will not be a meeting on the third Thursday this month.

Board of Directors Meeting– Next meeting is this month, November 3rd. Meeting will be at the church in Room 201. All are welcome to join.

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Welcome New Members:
Don and Tonya Bowling
David Marshall

This Month

Faith Presbyterian Church Rm 201

- November 3 – BOD Meeting, 7 PM
- November 10 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- November 18 – TVFF Banquet, 6 PM
- November 24 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Officers and Directors

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Communications: Connor Baker

Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is this month, **November 3, 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.



November 10, 7 PM

Katidid – Tyer: Fred Kaufman

Cost: \$2.00 in person

Small fly, good for bream and small bass. Great fly for beginners!

Materials

Body: Florescent Green Foam Strip

Hook: Size 8 hook, with long shank

Thread: White, green, yellow, or chartreuse

Legs: Green medium rubber legs

Other: Red felt pen



November 24, 7 PM

No tying – Thanksgiving

If you can tie one of these turkey flies, we would love to see it!



Photo Credit: [Orvis](#)

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

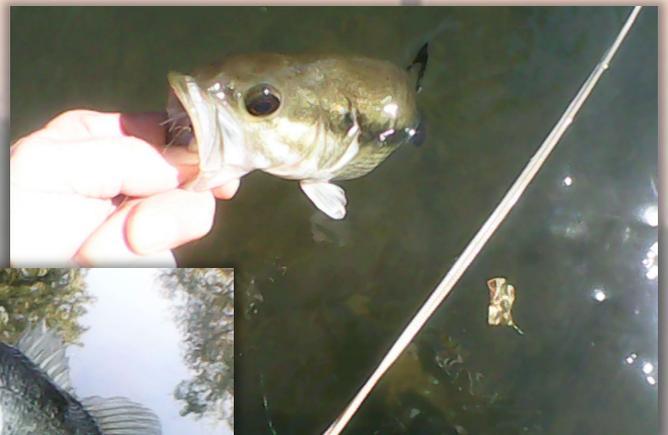
This month, we received a lot of great fish pictures! We were unable to fit everything on one page, so make sure to look at the next page! We love to see what TVFF members catch! Please submit photos to editor@tvff.club.



TVFF member, David Bailey, had a great time fishing the Davidson and French Broad in Western NC. Surrounded by beautiful Fall foliage, fishing doesn't get much better! Nice Brown David!



TVFF member, Dana Beyerle, has been busy fishing some of our local streams! The Fall Bite is in full effect! Take a look below at some of the bass he has recently caught.





More Fish of the Month



New TVFF member, David Heim put to test the Foogle Bug we tied during our first October fly tying session. Steve Kerkhof led us in tying this fly. David proved that it works! Thank you for sharing!

TVFF member, Greg Bayuga has had a lot of great success fishing salt water this Fall. Here is a large Red Drum and a large Black Drum! Nice fish Greg!

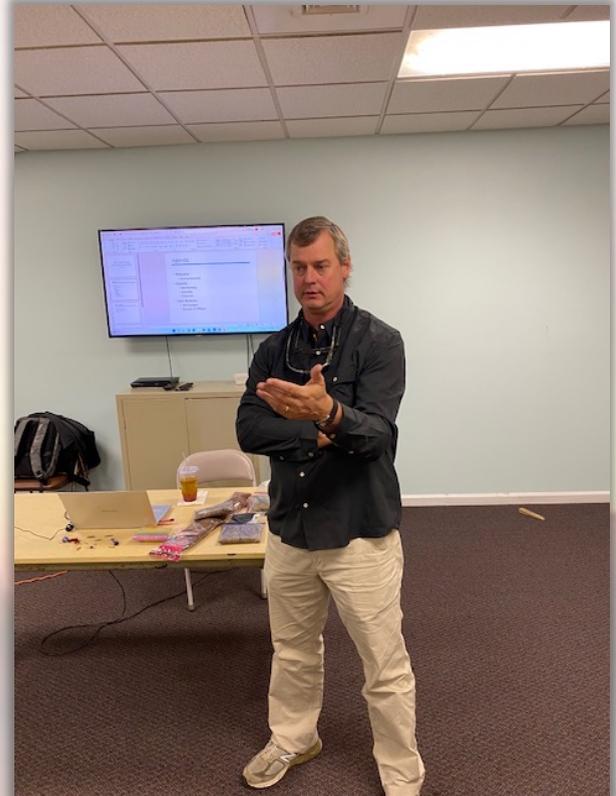


TVFF member, Connor Baker caught this false albacore (Bonito) while spending some time on the Florida Panhandle. This fish may look small, but Connor said it was one of the hardest fighting fish he ever caught. He claims it took the line to his reel backing. Looks like fun! Catch a larger one next time!

October TVFF Recap

October 20th – Club Meeting

New Orvis associate and Tennessee Valley Fly Fishers member, Don Bowling, attended the TVFF October meeting to introduce himself and talk a little about the Orvis store in Bridge Street Town Center in northwest Huntsville. Don retired from Athens City Schools in May. He taught and coached while at Athens. He started fly fishing about six or seven years ago, and considers it one of his favorite outdoor activities, which include golf, bicycling, hiking, and kayaking. "I love to see different parts of this great country we live in and fish those areas as well," he said. He is new to Orvis and said it's been a wonderful experience and he has already met a lot of great people. "I am looking forward to working with the Tennessee Valley Fly Fishers and believe we can accomplish some great things," Don said.



October – Fly Tying



For October, we tied two very different flies, but both very fun. For the first session, Steve Kerkhof taught us how to tie a "Foogle Bug", basically a knockoff version of the very popular bass popper, the Boogle Bug. For the second session, Brian More led us in tying a Barr's Emerger. A great trout fly invented by renown tyer, John Barr. It was a great change from larger bass flies. Send us any pictures if you catch anything on one of these flies.

Aldridge Creek Cleanup

Saturday October 29th, we had our annual TVFF Aldridge Creek Cleanup. This is something Joe Tremblay started several years back. Aldridge Creek is a favorite fishing spot for club members in South Huntsville, and is a spot where many of us learned to fly fish.

Since starting our cleanup years back, it seems that the creek has gotten cleaner, with less trash bags being filled up each time. However, being an urban creek, it gets dirty quickly. Among the standard plastic bottles, styrofoam cups, aluminum cans, and plastic bags, things we found in the creek include unread newspapers in plastic, softballs, a canvas trampoline (or tent), and a wheeled suitcase.

The weather was amazing, and we had great turn out. Thank you to everyone that came out to help, and thank you to Operation Green Team for the trash bags and gloves! Everyone enjoys a nice clean creek!





TVFF Annual Banquet/Auction 2022

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual banquet/auction will be held on Friday, November 18th with registration beginning at **6:00 PM**. Dinner will be served at **6:30 PM**. The auctioneer will be Mr. Victor Luna who has called the last several TVFF auctions.

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.

The Auction

We need donated items to be in the raffle and auction. Many of our members purchase items and donate them, others make items to be sold, others donate items of value that they have either outgrown, replaced or no longer have a use for and still others donate cash.

No matter the type or size, your donations are greatly appreciated and qualify as a tax exempt charitable donation.

To donate, contact Larry Hice lhice@plasticfusion.com or bring your items to the auction.

In the past we have had corporate donations from FFI, Wapsi, Dally's Fly Shop, Wishes & Fishes Fly Shop and 20/20 Eye Care and others.

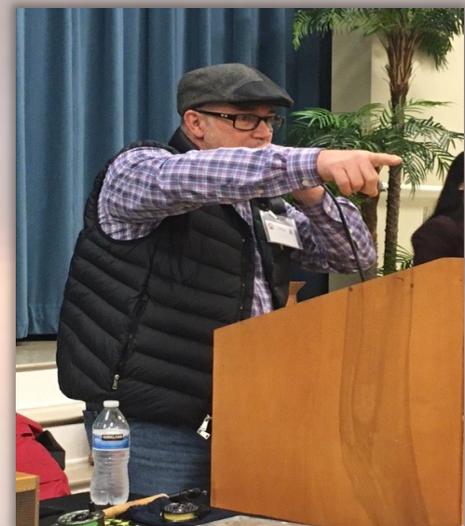
Desserts

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.

Banquet/Auction Location

The banquet will be at Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, **Friday** night, **November 18th at 6:00 pm**. We will have a catered meal, with members paying \$10 per adult while the club pays for the kids under 12.

Remember the Banquet/Auction replaces our normal 3rd Thursday meeting for November. Also, the December meeting will be a social event only (no program) with drinks and snacks supplied. All you need to bring is yourself and the normal boastful stories from the past year to share.



False Albacore on the Fly

This article was borrowed from Fly Lords Mag, and authored by Bobby Norgard. It was published October 13, 2022. The entire article can be found [here](#). Photos are also courtesy of Fly Lords Mag.

In the northeast, the last week of August is when the first albie usually makes an appearance. Come September and October, expect them to be all over the place. This year, they are right on time! These speedsters, along with bonito, really know how to haul some butt and are the apex of fall fishing! And on the fly, it is even more heart-pounding. But don't think it will be easy; the false albacore can be a real challenge to catch. I'll clue you in on some of the ways I've failed and how to succeed at catching these picky fish!

Albie fishing is usually very visual. If you can find the birds and bait blitzing fish, there's a good chance there will be albies under them this time of year. Easier said than done on most occasions. But at this moment, fly anglers finally have the upper hand. Typically, albies are keyed in on extremely small bait that spin anglers have a hard time matching. Epoxy jigs or small soft plastics might get the job done for spin guys but they are sometimes a hair too big for often snobby and finicky albies. Clousers, gummy minnows, surf candies, and "Albie Whores" in various colors are the go-to flies for tricking these picky fish.

I would suggest worrying more about the cast and presentation than the flies in albie world. Anywhere from an 8-10wt will work for inshore albies. A 10-weight is preferred to help punch through the wind while providing some lifting power to finish off the tuna spins that happen boat side. Where fly guys have the disadvantage is with the speed and distance. Everything is fast-paced in albie hunting. They pop up randomly for a split second and then disappear. Make the most of every opportunity and be ready. Spin fisherman can fire off a cast in seconds. Fly anglers do not have this luxury. Keep the line stripped off the reel in an orderly fashion, and be ready to go in an instant.



The run-and-gun method of chasing albies certainly can be effective at times. But I promise, you will be more successful the moment, you take a step back, see which way the fish are moving, and just get in front of them. Bait and albies are notoriously boat-shy. The minute a boat steams up, they typically abort and vanish. If you are on the east coast, this happens even faster as a fleet of boats quickly swarms the feast. Move away from other boats as the albies do and you will be 100% more successful.

And lastly, as my good friend Joe Diorio always says, "NO ENGINE!" This is probably the main reason, motoring up

moves fish quickly. They not only see you coming, but they hear you. Get in front and turn the engine off. Idling only hurts your chances of success (especially at these gas prices). If you feel up to the challenge, one of the best ways to stay under the radar is to try chasing albies in a kayak. You will not have to worry about scaring fish away but getting to them fast enough becomes your challenge.

TVFF, Connor Baker recently caught a false albie in Florida. See [page 4](#).

Other News

Alabama Gets Redeye Bass Signs

The Friends of the Talladega National Forest worked with Alabama NFC and other agencies and organizations to help educate the masses in regard to the wild native redeye bass found in the nearly 300,000 acre Talladega National Forest.

To date, FTNF has posted over 20 informational signs on U.S. Forest Service property and various other public places in Coosa and Tallapoosa watersheds notifying anglers and others as to the presence of redeye bass, and the threats to them. Article can be found [here](#).



Photo Credit: [NFC](#)

Alabama Man's Car Found in Coosa River

A body has been discovered in a car submerged in the Coosa River. It has been identified as a Rainbow City man that went missing nearly 40 years ago. The body has been identified as Alan Livingston. Two months after his disappearance in 1983, William Roth Jr. fessed up to the crime. He is currently serving a life sentence. The body was discovered by scuba divers using sonar. Article can be found [here](#).



Photo Credit: [CBS 42](#)

Different Fish Different Places – The Deep South

A neat video presented by Loon, starring Adam Hudson from Blue Line Flies. Much of this video is right in our backyard of Tennessee and North Alabama. Smallmouth Bass are a lot of fun. This video will inspire you to go fishing. Video can be seen [here](#).



Photo Credit: [Fly Lords](#)

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

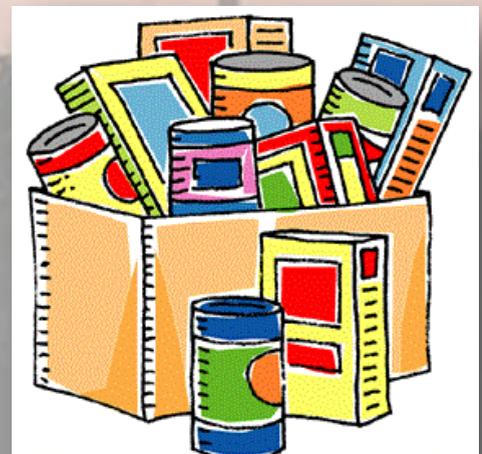
On the right is one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to the Alabama Casting for [Recovery](https://castingforrecovery.org/) retreat. TVFF is always looking for more flies to add to the box for future events. If interested, choose a fly and tie or purchase 14 of them. When you have your set or multiple sets of 14 flies ready for collection, bring them to any club activity or contact Casting for Recovery [volunteer Debbie Hill](https://castingforrecovery.org/). 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 (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

November Funny Holidays

America Recycles Day November 15th

This holiday was created in 1997 by the National Recycling Coalition. A few years back, there was a change to the recycling program for Huntsville, Madison and Madison County. The three have joined together to form RANA, Recycling Alliance of North Alabama. The recycle bins are now a large blue trash can and the pickup has changed from weekly to once per month.

The list of acceptable materials has also changed. For more information and to order your cart go to <https://recycling-alliance.com/>.



International Play the Harmonica Day November 16th

This is a day where you pick up your French harp or mouth organ, better known as harmonica, and play your favorite song. This is a made up holiday. At the banquet, whoever comes to Connor first and lets him know they saw this, gets a free sticker. Harmonicas are a small instrument.

Harmonicas have their origins in China, but became popular in Europe. During the Civil War, Union and Confederate Soldiers alike would play the harmonica. Both Wyatt Earp and Billy the Kid played the Harmonica.





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