



TVFF Club News

December 2021



Christmas Social



Christmas Social December 16 @ 7 pm

The meeting in December will be replaced with the Club's Christmas Social. We will not have a speaker but will have lots of fish stories and refreshments.

This year there will be a Dirty Santa Gift Exchange (AKA White Elephant). Anyone interested in participating in the exchange should bring a wrapped gift (something related to fly fishing worth up to \$20). Come join the fun. [Click here for details.](#)

The Club will provide soft drinks and members are encouraged to bring their favorite munchies to share. See you there!

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Welcome New Members:

Dave O'Neil

Glenn McGann & Barbara Smith

This Month

Faith Presbyterian Church Rm 201

- Dec 9 - Fly tying ,7 PM
- Dec 16 - Christmas Social 7 PM
- Dec 23 - No Fly Tying due to Holiday

Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof
Vice President: Connor Baker
Secretary: Gary Jedlovec
Treasurer: David Mahlik
Membership: Debbie Hill
Activities: Larry Hice
Education: Fred Kaufmann
Conservation: Corey Pedigo
Communications: Dana Beyerle

Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting will be Feb 3, 2022 at 7 p.m. in Rm 201.



TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted at Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201, at 7 p.m.

Please bring a mask in case masking rules change

December 9, 7 p.m., Room 201, in-person Lead Tyer, Dave Mahlik

Cost: \$2.00 in person

December 9th – 7:00 PM

Christmas Tree Fly

Dave refers to this picture as his forest. Last time we tied this I said it wouldn't catch a fish but he said he put a hook on one and caught a fish. I know it will be a Christmas tree ornament at my house. It also makes a unique gift. Come tie one with us at the last fly tying session of the year, you will enjoy it.

Material List:

Thread; Black Green or Brown Spinning hair or Deer Hair;
Color Green or whatever color
you would like for your tree; 1" Dowel with hole in center
Stain Pen for Base; Craft Store Star
15-20 pearlized push pins with stems cut off
¼" brown felt strip for wrapping tree stump
Paper clip or other 14 gauge wire with a loop.
Crazy Glue

Everything will be provided except for the thread.

There won't be fly tying on December 23 because it is so close to Christmas. Have a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Stay safe this holiday season.



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. Join us for a two-hour session on Dec. 9. Normally, the sessions are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Health Notice: By attending the in-person session you accept responsibility for any and all associated health risks.



Catch of the Month

TVFF member **Connor Baker's** father, **Craig**, caught these two nice rainbows on a recent Elk River float trip with [Southeastern Fly](#) guide **David Perry**. Connor said his dad is new to fly fishing. Connor, a veteran fly fisher, said he caught a few small ones. Craig is a retired Marine. Semper Fi!



Send your pictures to editor@tvff.club along with a brief description of where you were and what you caught.

Banquet and Auction Recap

The TVFF's Annual Banquet and Auction returned Nov. 12 after a year hiatus due to Covid restrictions. The auction, a major fundraiser, was a great success. **Victor Luna** (right) cheerfully harangued bidders to up their bids for the club's benefit. The dinner catered by Gibson's Bar-b-Q was pretty good, too: BBQ pork, smoked turkey, and sides. Approximately 40 people attended the Banquet. We even had a "mouse pattern" for one of the desserts.

Our 2021 auction successfully raised more than \$3,300. Thank you to those who donated and who bought items for the club's treasury. Auctioneer **Victor Luna**, right, did an outstanding job to convince TVFF members and guests to dig deep for the club. **Bayse Shuey**, center, provided the invocation. President **Steve Kerkhof** said the club is planning two trips this spring, one to [Donavan Lakes](#), date unknown, and one to the [North Arkansas Sow Bug Roundup](#), March 24-26, in Mountain Home, Ark. More details to come later.



TVFF President Steve Kerkhof Named Chamness Award Recipient

TVFF member **Ted Crona**, below, the 2019 Johnny Chamness Award recipient, presented the 2021 Chamness Award to TVFF President **Steve Kerkhof**, pictured below right, with his wife **Lynn** and **Ted**. The award is named after **Johnny Chamness**, one of our founding members whose dedication and service were instrumental to the club's success. Johnny never held office, but his service to the club continued unabated until health issues forced him to limit his activities. Johnny's countless contributions were officially recognized in 1998 with creation of The **Johnny Chamness** Award for excellence in service. The award is presented to a member who has provided invaluable service to the club through his or her contributions of time, energies, and support of club functions, activities, events, and goals. Congratulations Steve.



BOD Minutes

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

Members can read the minutes by simply asking the Club Secretary,



Dirty Santa Gift Exchange

Join the fun! Bring a wrapped gift of modest value (\$20 or less), either serious or gag gift, and be prepared to “steal” a more “desirable” gift as the game progresses. Gifts should be suitable for a mixed audience.

The more times a gift is stolen the greater the enjoyment, but remember, after a gift has been stolen 3 times, it's frozen and can no longer be stolen. So there is strategy involved. How to steal the gift you really want on that 3rd and final time?

Each game participant will receive a free ticket for the “Dirty Santa” Gift drawing. So come and join us as we celebrate Christmas in a uniquely fly fishing way.

DIRTY SANTA

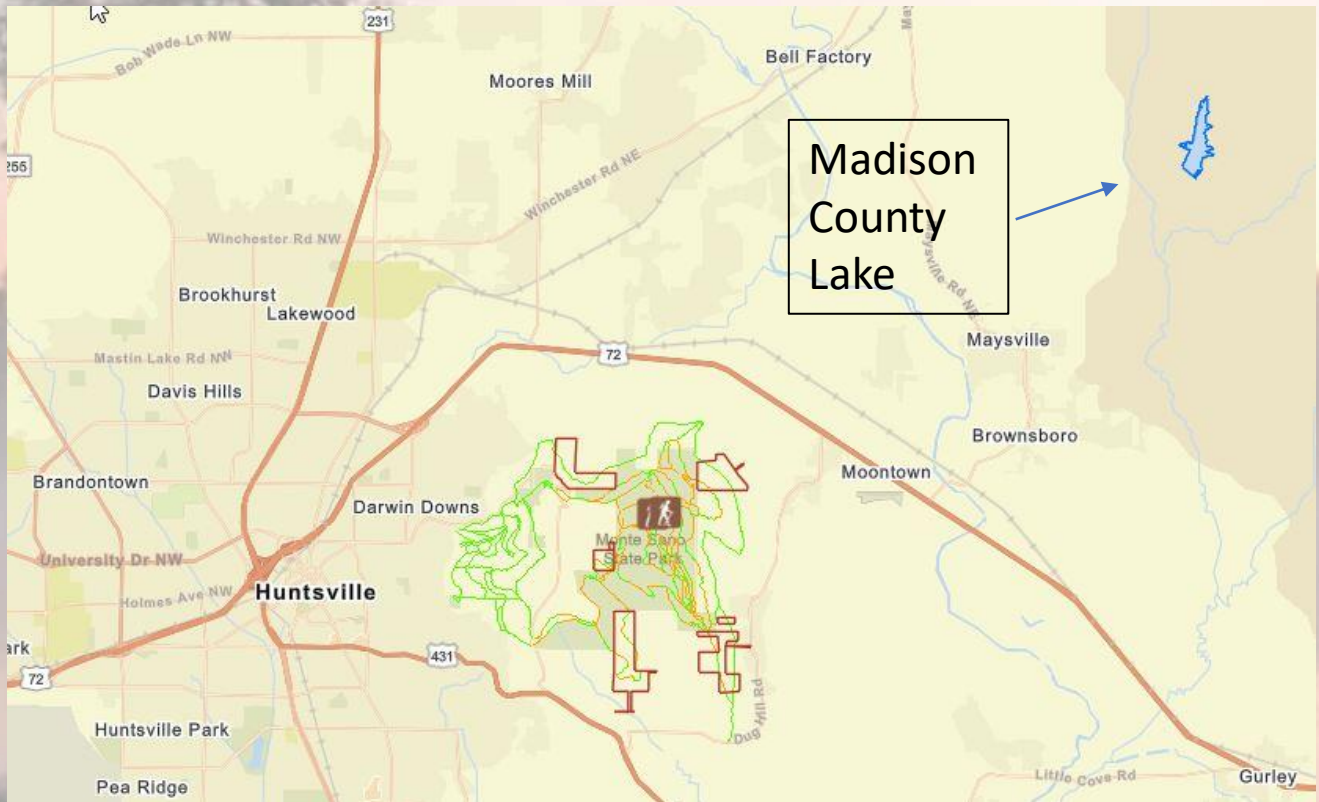
- Place wrapped gifts in the middle of the circle.
- Each guest draws a number.
- #1 chooses a gift, unwraps it, shows it off, and puts it on display. *Gifts must stay in view at all times and remain in their original packaging.*
- #2 chooses to either steal #1's gift or picks a new one.
- #3 chooses to steal #1 or #2's gift or selects a new gift.
- If #3 steals #1's gift, #1 can either steal #2's gift or choose an unopened gift.
- A gift can not be stolen back during the same turn. Example: If #3 steals #2's gift, #2 can not steal the gift back until the next turn.
- A gift can be stolen up to three times before it is frozen. *The gift is frozen with the fourth owner.*
- If #1 has the same gift they started with, *and no one has stolen from them*, they get to trade with any unfrozen gift.
- This is where the game ends! We hope it was filled with lots of laughter!

Ho! Ho! Ho!



Trout Stocked at Madison County Public Fishing Lake

Trout fishing season at Madison County Public Fishing Lake (PFL) will begin on **Friday, November 26, 2021**. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries plans to stock over 3,000 pounds of rainbow trout in Madison County PFL during the trout season with trout ranging in size from one to two pounds. A \$5.00 Daily Trout Permit in addition to a valid freshwater fishing license is required to fish for trout. Trout anglers may also fish for bass, bluegill, catfish, and crappie. The daily creel limit is 4 trout per angler. Check their [website](#) for directions and hours of operation, which are limited, so check before you go.



Trout in Gadsden

Flyfishgadsdenal.com or click the map.

Trout season began October 15th on Black Creek, Nockalula Falls near Gadsden, AL. Check the link for more details.

A separate permit is required for \$10 per day or \$30 for the season. It is a delayed harvest stream, catch and release from October 15th – April 30th, and a five fish limit from May 1st – June 30th. Fly rods only, barbless hooks, artificial lures only.



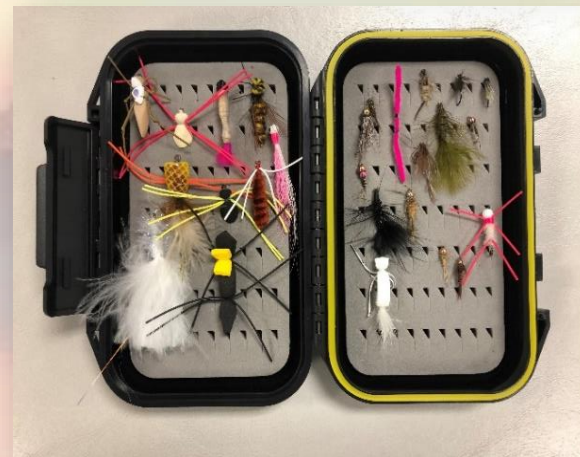
Fly Line Recycling

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 to 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](#) retreat in 2019. Since CFR retreats were put on hold due to Covid this past year, there were no TVFF fly boxes donated. TVFF would like to renew this project this year. 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](#). 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

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 (Hamburge rHelper, 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.

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