



TVFF Club News

August 2017



Sunrise at Martha's Vineyard - Photo by Debbie Hill

"If I fished only to capture fish, my fishing trips would have ended long ago"

~Zane Grey

This Month Program — Narrated by Joe Tremblay

The club trip to Donovan Lakes is certainly one that will be remembered for years to come.

As usual all who attended caught nice bass with some members catching their personal best.

Joe will narrate the presentation while encouraging all participants to relate their own experience .

You can expect to hear some fish(y) stories too. Some may actually be true!

Sign up for the 16-20 May 2018 trip will begin immediately after the presentation. Space is limited and a \$250 deposit is required.



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This Month's Activities

- 3 Aug – BOD Club Meeting
- 10 Aug - Fly Tying, 7pm room 201 Gotcha @ Christmas Island Special
- 17 Aug - TVFF Club meeting, 7pm room 201
- 19 Aug – Aldridge Creek Cleanup
- 24 Aug - Fly Tying , 7pm room 201 JC's Shrimp



TVFF Fly Tying Group

Salt Water Series continues with...

10 August - Featured Tyer – Dick Curtis

Dick will be tying 2 saltwater flies. The Gotcha and the Christmas Island Special. These two bonefish flies are very similar but the use of different materiel and techniques will make for an interesting session.

24 August - Featured Tyer – Larry Hice

The seaducer is a great redfish fly from the Texas Coast, all the way up the eastern seaboard and works well on sea trout, snook, bonefish and even permit.

The seaducer is also popular with bass fisherman. It's one of the oldest bass flies and has stood the test of time. This easy to tie fly should be in every fly box.

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.



Christmas Island Special

Gotcha



Seaducer

Catch of the Month

Fred Kaufmann landed this beautiful 23" brown along with some quality rainbows while hopper fishing on Missouri's Lake Taneycomo on the 19th of July. Lake Taneycomo is a long narrow impoundment lying between Lakes Table Rock and Bull Shoal.

Congratulations Fred for catching the TVFF brown of the year!



Send your fishy photos to editor@tvff.club



Tip of the Month

For me, tying a dropper involved tying a complicated knot often taking several minutes of prime fishing time.

Want to learn a better way? Then watch this video, this guy makes it look easy.



Incident on the Caney Fork

The unusual wet July had most of the rivers and streams swollen keeping me home longing for a 2-3 day trip to Donovan Lakes. I kept an eye on the 10 day forecast searching of a few days free of thunderstorms while fighting 'fishing withdrawals'. Most often, the forecasted storms did not materialized but the distant and the cost of food and lodging made it prudent to wait.

For David and Mark, a day trip to the Elk and the Caney Fork for some streamer fishing would fit the bill. After all, high water brings out the big boys. White River streamer guides long for high water and a chance to land a monster brown.

On one such trip to Tennessee's Caney Fork, the unexpected happened. Upstream from Happy Hollow where the river chokes down small, David had to work hard to not hit bluff while avoiding lots over hanging limbs, when something grabbed his arm nearly pulling him off the deck and into the fast moving water.

Luckily it gave way and David made it safely through the narrows. It was then that David noticed a large streamer with a piece of 20+ pound tippet imbedded in his arm. Someone's lost streamer dangling over the water had nearly caused a tragedy.

Luckily Mark and David were able to remove the fly using the "string yank hook removal technique". Unfortunately for most fly fishers, it's not a question of 'if' but 'when' you'll be called upon to remove a hook from your fishing partner or yourself.

This method works and is as important as knowing how to tie your favorite Knot or knowing what fly to use. It's easy to learn and effective. [Click here](#) or on the picture of David's arm for some detail instructions on how to perform this procedure. It's a good idea to keep you tetanus shot up to date too.



Annual TVFF Aldridge Creek Clean-up

Volunteers needed!

Don't forget to mark your calendar, Saturday the 19th is set aside for our Annual Aldridge Creek Cleanup.

Beverages, snacks and lunch will be provided. Clean-up starts at 9 a.m. ending at 11 a.m., followed by lunch on us at Rollo's Café on Airport Road.

Your help will be greatly appreciated! Join us for a morning of fun and community service; and don't be surprised to hear "Thank-you" from appreciative walkers, joggers and cyclists.



If you are able to attend, please email Larry Hice at lhice@plasticfusion.com. Your timely response will enable us to obtain adequate supplies and refreshments.

Feel free to bring your rod for some afternoon fishing in those hot-spots discovered during the morning session. You'll be surprised by the variety of fish in this small creek. Our efforts are making a difference.



3 Things you must know to chase carp on the fly

June 8, 2017 by Jacob Barlow

Reprint from *The Flymen Fishing Co. blog*. For this and other great articles go to <https://flymenfishingcompany.com/blogs/blog>

Carp have been rising up on the list of desired freshwater fish to experience on the fly.

Some will even go so far as to compare this freshwater monster to the notorious bonefish, earning the carp the nickname of the golden bone.

Many factors will greatly determine your success rate when fly fishing for carp. To name a few: location, mood, posture of the fish, and time of year.

For example, if it's winter you're not going to throw a 3" crawfish pattern at huddled carp. Why you ask? Crawfish are dormant in the winter due to being cold blooded. If you throw that rusty orange pattern at a carp in the winter he's going to know something's up because it's not normal for him to see that in the winter months. He will be gone just as fast as he appeared.

If you've been wanting to try your hand at chasing these golden ghosts of the shallows, here are 3 tips you must know to get in the action with these easily spooked creatures.

1. Being able to read the carp and know how to act accordingly.

The number one mistake that beginning carp anglers make is casting to non-receptive carp. Here's how to read carp in some common fishing situations.

Carp splashing on topwater.

If you happen to spot this, you might as well put down your fly rod and head on your way. These carp won't pay attention to even the tastiest-looking pattern in the world; they have one thing on their mind, and that's reproduction. However, the upside to this process is the awesome post-spawn bite!

Fast-moving pods.

Once again, don't waste your time – these carp are either spooked or heading on a mission, not even a bag of pellet carp food will stop these beasts. Keep searching for more fish to cast to.

Slow-cruising pods/singles.

Get a fly right in front of their faces and below them. Why? Carp like to cruise while searching the bottom for a quick and easy snack. This means their eyes will be focused below them right where your fly should be!

Heads down and tails to the sky with a mud cloud around them.

This is the most important one of all! Slow down, take your time, and cast to this feeding mud monkey, then hang on because you're about to have a gnarly fight on your hands!



Dane Schmucker caught the big fish of the weekend at the [Midwest Golden Bones Fly Tournament](#) near Chicago, IL. The 2017 event is coming up August 4-5 and is sponsored in part by Flymen Fishing Co.



Sunning carp.

These carp are the ones kicked back enjoying the warmth of the sun. Toss a small unweighted fly to them and hope for the best.

2. Choosing the right fly weight and pattern (I can't stress this one enough!).

Fly patterns and weight are often overlooked when carp fishing. Most people think any old pattern that looks appetizing will work. Wrong!

Carp have feeding patterns and certain food sources they like better than others. Carp are very boring when it comes to fly patterns. They like rusty, orange, olive, brown, and black. These color patterns are usually the go-to for carp fishing, but it depends on what location you're fishing in. I've heard a great tale of western carp actually chasing streamers, but I haven't seen this firsthand.

I fish and guide in the waters of North Carolina where we have the more calm and gentle carp that have very subtle takes. Do your research on the body of water you're fishing and stop and watch the carp. If you stop and watch you can usually figure out what they're feeding on. People overlook weight because they think it isn't important in carp fishing, but weight is crucial in carp fishing.



The Fish-Skull [CrawBody](#) paired with a [Shrimp & Cray Tail](#) can be a deadly combination.

Fly selection and speed of current.

Unweighted flies.

These unweighted flies are those you throw at the sunning carp. You don't want it sinking too fast because these carp are closer to the surface, but you also don't want it to float. You want a slow gentle descent to get the carp's attention.

Medium-weight flies / Heavyweight bombs.

These are used for slow-cruising carp and those mud-sifting bulldozers who are bottom feeding. You want to send your fly straight to them and get it down on the bottom right in front of their faces.

Presenting your fly.

Fly presentation is important when carp fishing – if you throw the fly too hard and smack the water, the fish is going to spook. Pursuing carp on the fly takes a skilled and accurate cast, so before heading out on the water, take a few practice casts to get ready.

You may only get three chances on a carp in a whole day of fishing, so you don't want to blow these chances by not being ready. It pays off to take the extra time to prepare for the main event.

The most known and productive action method for carp fly fishing is called the drag and drop. To do this, drag your fly away from the carp and let it sink, mimicking a fleeing crawfish or nymph. This is usually used for slow-cruising carp and sometimes for the feeding carp.

Follow these tips to increase your number of hookups and catches when fishing for this elusive fish.

As always, best fishing to you all!



Jakob Barlow is the head guide/owner of High Grass Guides in Western North Carolina. He has been fly fishing since he was 6 years old. From the pumpkin seed sunfish to the big bull trout to the tarpon of the salt flats, he has experience in it all. He's been guiding locally for 10 years and then decided to take it to the next level so he opened High Grass Guides with two of his buddies, hoping to make it into a living. "I've experienced nothing that consumes my mind like fly fishing, it's all I think of all day every day." Jakob is well seasoned with most freshwater species around his area with some saltwater species as well. Jakob has a passion for getting new anglers involved with his obsession of fly fishing. "I live to see that big smile on my client's face when hooking the fish of a lifetime." You can follow him on Instagram [@the_jakob_barlow](#) or check out his website at www.highgrassguides.com.



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River News by Rhonda Page

Hope you're making time to wet those fly lines!

Update on the ELK River: Brookies were stocked a little later than planned and are now swimming around happily as of July 20th. Another load of rainbows was scheduled to arrived on the Elk on July 26th or 27th. If you are planning a wade or float trip, you might want to avoid the weekends as the summer traffic has been extremely heavy! If possible, pick a day during the week until school/college starts back and football season gets underway.



Our rainfall has slowed down some and TVA is releasing a spill/slucice of 240 cfs most of the time. Just be aware if we start to get substantial rainfall, that could change again so just be diligent about checking the TVA.gov website so you aren't making the drive to the ELK just to find out the spill is too high. TVA will increase the spill when necessary.

Patterns for the ELK currently include black or red ant patterns, hoppers, Beetles. You can include a bead head nymph dropper under a hopper. Also, black zebra midge, elk hare caddis and soft hackles. Our doojigger pattern is continuing to produce well on the Elk and the Caney Fork.



Doojigger

TWRA seeks inputs from anglers on 10 year Trout Management Plan

TWRA is seeking public input on the draft ten year Trout Management Plan. Please take the time to review this and submit your input.

Click here to review the [TWRA Trout Management Plan](#) and [email](#) your comments to TWRA. **Don't delay, the deadline for your input is August 4th.**

I strongly encourage you to read the plan and provide your input because as anglers, your voice matters!!!

Flintville Hatchery raising Palomino Trout

Palomino Trout have been spotted at the Flintville Hatchery and are approaching stocking size. Barring any complications during their growth period, a few hundred will be stocked in the Elk this fall.

Keep your eyes open, their bright gold color will make them be easy to spot.





Used this by mistake
in July, nobody seemed to noticed...
Maybe I can get by with it this month.



August Holidays

Work Like a Dog Day

Date When Celebrated : August 5th

Work Like a Dog Day honors and recognizes the hardest working among us.

Some people skate by, doing as little as possible. Others, do only what they have to. Others still work like a dog. While work is to be done, they dig in relentlessly. They seldom take a break until the task is completed.

We want to make sure to differentiate between "Work-A-Holics" and those who "Work Like a Dog". Work-A-Holics are always working, even though they may not be working hard. Those who work like a dog, work very hard while they are working. But, they do not work all of the time.



Today is a day to show appreciation for those who carry more than their load, and work like a dog. You can also honor them by working like a dog today.

The Origin of Work Like a Dog Day: Our research did not find the creator, or the origin of this day.

Relaxation Day (Appropriately follows Work Like a Dog Day)

Date When Celebrated : August 15th

Relaxation Day is a day to kick back and do nothing. Ahhhh! What a great day.

The stresses, the hustle and bustle seemingly consumes us, every day of the year. Even Sundays are no longer days of rest and relaxation. There never seems to be a day to just kick back and relax. For those us with a hectic lifestyle, *Relaxation Day* is a day to look forward to. It provides a break from the madness of your busy work and personal schedule. Today is the day to enjoy either doing absolutely nothing, or partaking in your favorite relaxation activity.



Avoiding stressful activities today is the rule. For example, if golf is your favorite hobby, yet it can cause you stress, then make plans to play golf another day. Spending the day in a hammock is a far more appropriate activity.

The Origin of Relaxation Day: Our research did not find the creator, or the origin of this day. By far, the most common references to this day on the Internet are from spas. It appear that health spas have adopted *Relaxation Day* for themselves.

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