



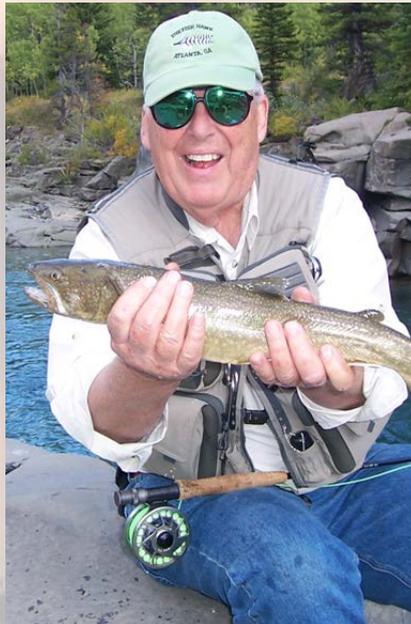
TVFF Club News

March 2016

“When nothing going right, just go fishing” - Earl Dibbles Jr

This Month Program –Western and Canadian rivers

Pete Barrett spends his summers roaming Utah, Montana and Alberta Canada in a Sheep Herder Wagon. Pete is not a guide, but the last 25 years has certainly made him an expert on Utah’s Lower and Upper Green River, many of Wyoming best trout waters including the Madison and Jefferson and Alberta’s legendary Crowsnest, Castle, Livingstone, and Old Man.



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This Month's Activities

- 3 Mar –  Deer hair stacking class, 7pm room 201
- 5 Mar –  WBC Outdoor Expo
- 10 Mar – Fly tying session, 7pm room 201
- 17 Mar –  TVFF Club meeting, 7pm room 201
- 24 Mar – Fly of the Month tying session, 7pm room 201



Denotes a of qualifying event

Participation Award

You could be the lucky WINNER!
Get your free ticket at any qualifying event



** Must be a TVFF member to be eligible



Fly of the Month – Flex Tail Minnow

Featured Tyer: Bill Pittenger



Some flies just look fishy, this is one of them. I came across it on the net and had to share. One of Vinny Tran’s recent fly creation incorporates a tail in his baitfish pattern. According to Vinny “I notice a lot of bait fish patterns out there doesn't have any tails and a minnow isn't a minnow without a tail, it just doesn't seem to look right to me. So I came up with an idea to make a simple fish tail with goose biots & some flash materials”.



Fly of the Month tying directions are available under the Fly Tying Tab on the [TVFF website](#).

TVFF Calendar

Got a good fishy picture? Send it to TVFF.website@Gmail.com to be included in the 2017 TVFF CALENDAR.

Pictures of you or your family member holding fish caught from 1 October 2015 to 1 October 2016 qualify.

We’re looking for pictures of big fish, small fish, warm water fish, cold water fish and saltwater fish – in short, any old fish that you or one of yours caught. As many pictures will be incorporated as possible.

So send them in and don’t forget to smile.

A FREE copy of the Calendar will be given to all members who submitted pictures whether or not those photos appear in the calendar.




Your Picture here!




Or here!
Individual or Composite

January 20XX

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			8	9	10	11
			15	16	17	18
			22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Club Events

Fly Tying 7 PM
TVFF Meetings
Fly of the Month Outings
ETC.



Finally a Permit by Everett Sharp

I have been trying to catch a Permit now for several years and it has been on my Bucket List for a while. My Irish friend, David Anchell, talked me into joining him on a trip to Playa Blanca Lodge, in Mexico, this February, 6th through 13th. I met up with David in Atlanta on the 5th and we both flew down to Cancun together, where we spent the night. The next morning we took a cab to the local General Aviation Airport, which we found out that the cab driver only knew it as "FBO" (Fixed Base Operations), which took a little time to sort out with him.

At the FBO, we met up with several other guys that were taking the same charter flight to Playa Blanca. We loaded up for a 45 minute flight in a Cessna Caravan to a remote runway that belongs to the sister lodge, Casa Blanca. Once we arrived the local military checked our bags to make sure we did not bring any drugs. From there we took a boat ride and loaded up on truck for a ride to Casa Blanca Lodge where we stopped, hit the restroom and were handed a Margarita to hold us over for the long 40 minute ride to Playa Blanca Lodge. Drinking the Margaritas with us is David's son and his new daughter-in-law.





Once we arrived at the lodge we were assigned a room, which was very large with two beds and a very large bathroom. We spent the rest of the day unpacking , sorting out our fishing gear and having a few margaritas. The next morning after breakfast we were loaded up on the truck and taken to our boats.



We did not see any Permit the first day but David and I caught several Bonefish and a Snook each. Late in the afternoon of the second we started seeing Permit in singles and some groups of 2 or 3. Then finally the guide saw a group of 3 and I took my shot and started stripping and one of the Permit took the fly and the game was on. Pictured below is my first ever Permit. You got to give your first Permit a kiss.....



There is a Ritual at Playa Blanca that requires you to eat a Scorpion if you caught your first Permit there. This was on my mind the rest of the afternoon and into the evening and I was trying my best to get my mind wrapped around the after dinner Ritual.



Scorpions are prepared by drowning in Tequila for several days before and are stored in a jar seen below. It kind of looks like old tobacco juice with chunks.



After dinner I was presented with a very nicely arranged tray of Scorpions, it looked so nice, I almost wanted to eat one. One of my new friends, David Graham, was trying to help me with the selection. The one he was trying to get me to eat was pregnant. I don't think that was the one that I ate, but I am not sure, I had a lot to drink in preparation.



It was not good! It was like eating a hardboiled egg with the shell still on it, soft and crunchy. It 's a good thing I had several drinks before hand but still needed a few more after.



The next day David caught another Permit and I had one take my fly, but he dropped it. Then on the afternoon of the 4th day I caught 2 more Permit and David also caught 2 more. So for the week I caught a total of 3 Permit and David caught 4. There were only a total of 10 Permit caught for the week. David's son, Tom, caught one of the 10 Permit, so he also ate a Scorpion. I enjoyed that scorpion a lot more than mine.

The last two days we fished some lagoons for tarpon, but none were brought to the boat. We did have some takes, but were unable to close the deal. David and I both enjoyed the trip and it was one of the nicest and best run lodges that I have stayed in. Here is a link to Yellow Dog that has a lot of information on Playa Blanca.

<http://www.yellowdogflyfishing.com/fly-fishing-vacation-lodges/fly-fishing-mexico-yucatan-playa-blanca-lodge.htm>

Bucketmouth Quest – February by Joe Tremblay

Fishing for winter bass can be challenging. With the weather varying greatly from one week to the next, when you finally get a weekend with a warming trend you better take advantage of it. The third weekend in February was just such a weekend, daytime temperatures in the 70's and nighttime in the 60's. So Larry Hice and I headed to Marion AL in search of Donovan's trophy bass. This was the first time I put up Nylon Inn under windy conditions and was really glad we had decided to upgrade the tent pegs. Setting up camp took us a bit longer than usual finishing just as the last of the daylight faded.

We woke to a beautiful day with Swamp Lake resembling a mirror. Forecast called for winds increasing to 8+ MPH so we decided to fish Donovan Lake in the morning and one of the smaller, sheltered lakes in the afternoon. We spent the entire morning on Donovan Lake without a single take. This trip was starting to look more like a camping instead if a fishing trip. Other boats came and went with no apparent luck, but still we persisted. As promised the wind increased steadily and we finally gave up around 10:30 and headed to Hardees's for lunch

On our return, I gathered from the increased number of boats on Donovan Lake that we were close to pre-spawn, but not quite there. We put in at Snag Lake and Larry finally landed a 2+/- pound bass. I was never so glad to see a 2 pounder. At last I had a picture for the Club News! Larry landed at least 3 more while I kept missing until finally breaking the ice a forth of the way around the lake. The number of caught fish kept increasing as we neared the shallow end of the lake. There we landed bass after bass, including several doubles, and quickly loss count of the numbers.

I believe Larry ended the day with more than 15 while I, due to my slow start, had 8 or so. All in the 1 ½ to 2 ½ pound range, not monsters, but still a fun filled afternoon Alabama's Black Belt region. We returned to Snag Sunday morning for a few hours with much the same results. This time however the numbers were reversed thanks to Larry's timely birdcage. We returned to Huntsville with both Larry and I each releasing over twenty fish. A trip to remember.





Family Fly Fishing Getaway

Camp McDowell is situated on Smith Lake just SE of Double Springs, AL. It is on a beautiful 1000+ acre campus owned by the Episcopal Church.

A family weekend getaway consisting of Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday morning (May 20-22). Accommodations are in a country-rustic lodge style building with rooms, dining hall, large common room, etc., with 2 handicapped rooms available, and a “dormitory” for singles.

TVFF members and their family and members of the Northern Episcopal Diocese are invited to this “learn to fly fish” event, and weekend getaway.

The fishing facilities are:

- Smith Lake
- 3 Ponds (On The Campus)
- Clear Creek (On The Campus)
- Sipsey River Trout Area
- Access To A Few Local Streams

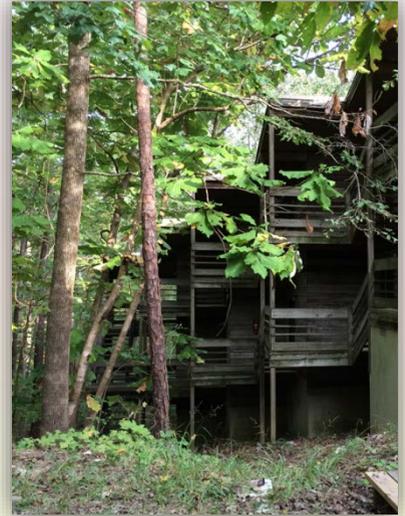
Inter-active options above and beyond fishing would include:

- Casting Instruction
- Fly Tying Classes
- Hiking
- Lectures (as desired)
- Area Tours
- Being Lazy (Reading/Board Games/etc.)

Costs would be approximately as follows Double Room:

- \$90/night = \$180 (2 Queen Beds)
- Dormitory: \$20/night = \$40
- Meals: \$7/meal (5) = \$35
- Incidental Fees: \$20 ???

Ralph Shuey, trip organizer, will provide a short presentation on Camp McDowell at the February meeting and will answer any and all questions. Registration Form available on the [TVFF WEBSITE](#) under Club News Tab





TVFF Supports Cabela's Fly Fishing for Fun Day

TVFF will be featured at Cabela's Fly Fishing Day. April 3rd from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Club members will be on hand to showcase fly fishing gear, provide casting instructions and demonstrate fly tying.

Volunteers are needed to tie, give casting instruction and field questions from visitors. Help make Fly Fishing for Fun Day Huntsville's premier fly fishing event.

Contact Larry Hice at 256-508-2344 or lhice@plasticfusion.com for more info



New TVFF Classified Ads

Have something you want to sell or buy? Now you can submit classified ads to be included in the Club News. Ads can include items offered for sale, items you're looking to buy, services offered, even ads looking for a fishing partner. Just about any ad will be accepted.

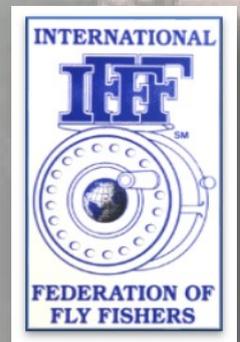
Ads must be submitted not later than 5 days prior to the 1st and will not carry over to the next month unless requested via email by the originator of the ad.

Go to the Members Only tab and follow directions on the Classified Ad form and you ad will be posted in the next Club News. It's quick and easy and free.



Federation of Fly Fishers Code of Angling Ethics

- Fly anglers understand and obey laws and regulations associated with the fishery.
- Fly anglers believe fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers conserve fisheries by limiting their catch.
- Fly anglers do not judge fellow anglers and treat them as they would expect to be treated.
- Fly anglers respect the waters occupied by other anglers so that fish are not disturbed.
- When fishing from a watercraft, fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft or unnecessarily disturb the water.
- Fly anglers respect other angling methods and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to all anglers.





IFFF teaching at the Virginia Fly Fishing Festival

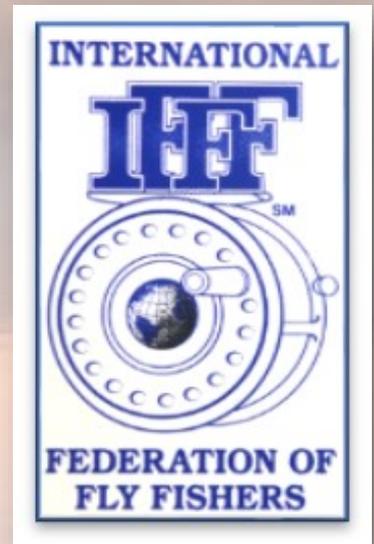
The Virginia Fly Fishing and Wine Festival will be held on April 9th & 10th at the Meadow Event Park, 13111 Dawn Blvd, in Doswell, VA.

Meadow Event Park is centrally located along the I-95 corridor just north of Richmond, VA and is on the National Register of Historic Places. This family horse farm was the birthplace of Triple Crown Winner Secretariat in 1970. Today, it is a 300+ acre site that is home to many types of events including the State Fair of Virginia.

The International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) is a major Sponsor for this event and will have a large educational presence with fly fishing, casting and fly tying workshops. For those who are interested in pursuing the highly regarded IFFF Casting Instructor (CI) certification there is a full day workshop and CI testing scheduled at the Festival.

For more detailed information on the IFFF classes or to register for a class go to: <http://www.vaflyfishingfestival.com>

For additional information and to sign up for IFFF Certified Casting Instructor testing go to the IFFF Website at: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org>





Deer Hair Stacking Class - Free to TVFF members

Classes start 7:00-9:00 PM on the 3rd of March 2016 at Faith Presbyterian Church, room 201

Held monthly on the 1st Thursday .

Prerequisites: Not recommend for first time tyers.

Free to Club members, however, you will be responsible to provide your own deer hair and tying thread.

Ever admired deer hair bass bugs and wonder how such intricate patterns were possible? Well, it's not magic, rather it's patiently applying deer hair clumps on a hook shank using easy to learn techniques and a little artistic trimming. Mike George, a world renowned fly tyer and winner of dozens of awards for his exquisite hair bugs, has put together two DVDs detailing the process. His videos will teach you how to tie a basic popper, a more complex diver and finally a complex popper that incorporates every technique needed to tie your own award winning hair bugs.

Classes begin the 3rd March at 7 PM in room 201 and continue monthly on the 1st Thursday and lasting as long as it takes us to tie all 3 hair bugs. The first and second bugs can be completed in 2 or 3 sessions, but the third will take longer as it contains many advance techniques. We will proceed at a comfortable group pace until done. There's no charge for the class, however, you will be responsible to provide your own deer hair and tying thread. Basic tying tool are available from the club library but personal tools are recommended. This class is not recommend for first time tyers but you don't need to be and expert either. Anyone who has tied a wooly bugger should be able to complete this class.

Send email to tvff.website@gmail.com for more information

Short Notes



Club trip to Donovan , April 18-21, 2016

The Club trip to Donovan is full-up but you can still get on the standby list with an email to arcurtis@knology.net. For more information on Donovan lakes visit <http://donavanlakes.org>

TVFF Mentor Program

The TVFF Mentor Program is now on line and available to our members through the TVFF website. The Mentor Program provides a method by which members can share their knowledge, experience and expertise in specific areas of fly fishing with others in the club. Check out the program by clicking on the Mentor Program tab on the TVFF website.





TVFF Classified

Wanted



Volunteers for the Cabela's Fly Fishing for Fun Day

April 3rd from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Members needed to demonstrate fly tying, give casting instruction and field questions about fly fishing in general. New to fly fishing? Not a problem we need members with varied experience to assist.

Contact: Larry Hice lhice@plasticfusion.com or 256-508-2344

This is a Participation award qualifying event.

For Sale



Cabela's RLS + rod and reel combo **\$160 firm**

New - Never used 8wt, 4 piece RLS rod and reel combo with rod case, fly line and backing. A \$320 value currently on sale on Cabela's website for \$200.

Everything you need for bass or streamer fishing.

Contact: Joe Tremblay tremblayjo46@hotmail.com or 256 348-2172



St. Croix Avid 9' - 8 wt - 3 piece **\$175 firm**

This rod is in almost new condition. St. Croix made a short production run of a 3 piece Avid 8 weight rod about 12 years ago. It comes with rod sock and tube.

Price is lower than blank price of rods of comparable quality.

Contact: Ted Crona tedcrona@yahoo.com or 1-256-574-4345

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- Golden Rule Fly Shop: <http://www.goldenruleflyshop.com/>
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