



# TVFF Club News

October 2022



## Annual Membership Meeting

October 20th<sup>th</sup> 7 PM



The main focus of the Annual Meeting is to elect members to serve on the Board of Directors (BOD) and approve the 2023 budget.

This year, the following offices are up for election; President, Treasurer, Communications Director, Activities Director and Membership Director. Contact Steve Kerkhof if you are interested in serving on the BOD.

Then after the business is concluded, enjoy a cold soft drink and snacks while mingling with fellow members who will be happy to share information and answer any questions you may have. This will be a great opportunity to talk with members who have been there and done that. You may even find a new fishing companion.

You're also invited to share your visions with BOD members. Let the BOD know what changes you would like to implement, what classes, activities, or outings you would like to see. Your inputs will help TVFF grow and prosper.

Meeting will start promptly at 7PM. **You're invited to bring some snacks to share.** See you there.

**TVFF Annual Banquet** – Mark your calendars, the end of year banquet and auction is coming up, Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate anything please contact Larry Hice. More information on [page 8](#).

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**Welcome New Members:**  
David Heim

### This Month

Faith Presbyterian Church Rm 201

- October 13 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- October 20 – Club Meeting, 7 PM
- October 27 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

### Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof

Vice President: Dana Beyerle

Secretary: Gary Jedlovec

Treasurer: Dave Bailey

Membership: Debbie Hill

Activities: Larry Hice

Education: Fred Kaufmann

Conservation: Bob Lowery

Communications: Connor Baker

### Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is **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.

**October 13, 7 PM**

**Foogle Bug— Tyer: Steve Kerkhof**

**Cost: \$2.00 in person**

My foam head version of the Boogle Bug, a popular commercial fly for Redeye Bass. It will also work on other bass and bream in our creeks and ponds.

**Materials**

**Head:** Made from yellow block foam. This is similar to craft foam but harder and thicker

**Hook:** Tiemco TMC8089 Size 12. (Size 6 in most hooks)

**Thread:** White or Black 140 denier or 100 GSP

**Hackle:** Black

**Tail:** Yellow marabou, yellow rubber legs

**Legs:** Yellow medium rubber legs

**Other:** Eyes, acrylic sealer, epoxy, red Sharpie



**October 27, 7 PM**

**Barr's Emerger – Tyer: Brian Moore**

**Cost: \$2.00 in person**

This is a popular and effective wet fly trout pattern that Brian has used successfully in the west.

**Materials:**

**Hook:** Size 18-24 Emerger hook

**Thread:** Brown 8/0, 70 denier thread

**TAIL/SHUCK:** Brown or ginger hackle fibers

**BODY:** Olive dubbing

**FLASH:** One strand of pearl Flashabou

**WINGCASE/LEGS:** Wood duck

**THORAX:** Natural beaver fur, brown dubbing



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m.**

## Fish of the Month

TVFF member Greg Bayuga had a successful time fishing the Biloxi Marshes. He caught several Bull Redfish and a large Alligator Gar. All fish were caught on a 9wt Moonshine Vesper Fly Rod, with an Orvis Hydros Reel.



TVFF member Dana Beyerle took this photo during the few days of storms we had earlier in September! Dana calls this his "backyard fishing hole". Let us know what you caught Dana!



## October TVFF Recap

### September 15th – Club Meeting

Our September speaker, Nikole Sothers, manager of [Huntsville's landscape management program](#), brought us up to date on the various city "green" efforts that have a lot in common with a club priority – healthy watersheds.

Her message was the city has programs to help keep Huntsville beautiful and sustainable. There are several "adopt-a" programs that include streams. And there's a way to contact city officials for input – 256-53-CLEAN (256-532-5326).

At the city site, there are links to associate programs such as Green Team, Adopt-a-Mile, Spot or Stream, Nature Preserves, Volunteer, and Tree Huntsville. Niki said people can get involved by volunteering or donating money.

She left us with a salient quote: "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we are borrowing it from our children."



### August – Fly Tying



For September, we tied two classic patterns, the San Juan Worm and Clouser Minnow. To the left, Fred is leading us in tying the San Juan Worm for the first session. This pattern was invented in New Mexico by guides on the San Juan River. This can be a very effective trout fly. As for the Clouser, this easy to tie fly is very effective for warm water fishing for smallmouth or largemouth bass. It is also known to be used by salt water fishermen when targeting redfish.

## Yellowstone River 'dramatically changed'

This excerpt is from The Guardian. It was published June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and authored by the Associated Press. This article was published three months ago, but the information is still relevant. According to a more recent USA Today article, [the river change might have impacted fishing](#). The entirety of The Guardian article can be found [here](#).

*The forces of fire and ice shaped Yellowstone national park over thousands of years. It took decades longer for humans to tame it enough for tourists to visit, often from the comfort of their cars.*

*In just days, heavy rain and rapid snowmelt caused a dramatic flood that may forever alter the human footprint on the park's terrain and the communities that have grown around it.*

*The historic floodwaters that raged through Yellowstone this week, tearing out bridges and pouring into nearby homes, pushed a popular fishing river off course possibly permanently and may force roadways nearly torn away by torrents of water to be rebuilt in new places.*

*"The landscape literally and figuratively has changed dramatically in the last 36 hours," said Bill Berg, a commissioner in nearby Park county. "A little bit ironic that this spectacular landscape was created by violent geologic and hydrologic events, and it's just not very handy when it happens while we're all here settled on it."*

*The unprecedented flooding drove more than 10,000 visitors out of the nation's oldest national park and damaged hundreds of homes in nearby communities, though remarkably no one was reported hurt or killed. The only visitors left in the massive park straddling three states were a dozen campers still making their way out of the backcountry.*



## Greenback Cutthroat Trout Spawn in Native Range for First Time in Decades

This article is from Fly Lords Magazine. It was published September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and authored by the Dan Zazworsky. The article can be found [here](#).

*This is one headline we were stoked to share as soon as it hit our newsfeeds: the first Greenback cutthroat trout have been documented spawning since the beginning of the restoration work began. This important event marks a milestone in the restoration efforts that have been ongoing for decades.*

*Colorado Parks and Wildlife were excited to share the good news coming out of Bear Creek saying, "While we will continue to stock greenback trout from our hatcheries, the fact that they are now successfully reproducing in the wild is exciting for the future of this species," an official said on Friday. "This is a huge wildlife conservation success story and a testament to the world-class wildlife agency Coloradans have in Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Colorado's ecological diversity strengthens our community, supports our anglers, and our thriving outdoor recreation economy. CPW's staff and our partner agencies have worked for more than a decade to restore this beloved state fish, and today's news truly highlights the success of the work."*

You can read more about the exciting discovery, here from [CPR.org](#)!

Learn more about the ongoing conservation efforts, [here](#)!



## Top Flies for Fall Fishing

The following list is from Fly Lords Magazine. This is a list of top fall trout flies by renown fly fishing expert Tom Rosenbauer of Orvis. As you will see, there are several streamers, a lot of small nymphs, and even emergers. Generally in Fall, the temperature is dropping and fish activity starts to change. The following is a list of flies that will help you fish better in the fall. Full article authored by Grant Michaels can be found [here](#).



**Lynch's D&D** – Great for large Browns, use sink tip or sinking, dives when pulled



**The Killer Bug** – Scuds and sow bugs move around in Fall, simple to tie, perfect for spring creeks



**Cone Head Marabou Muddler Minnow** – Makes disturbance in water, can be fished with sinking or floating line, quick sink rate



**Zebra Midge** – Resembles generic midge larvae, sinks well, ranges from size 14 to high 20s



**Griffith's Knat** – Emergers are active in Fall, smaller flies work, imitates small mayfly



**Hot Spot Pheasant Tail** – Best tied on jig barbless hook, rides at bottom and rarely snags, hot spot keys in fish



**Olive Sparkle Dun** – Size 18 -24, abundant hatch in Fall, imitates adult and emerger



**Tongue Head Quill** – Skinny profile with slender body, sinks quickly



## Club News

### Upcoming TVFF Banquet and Auction

Mark your calendar for the TVFF Banquet and Auction on Friday November 18th. Registration begins at 6:00. We will have a catered dinner beginning at 6:30 PM, followed by the Auction. This is our main fundraiser for the year so we want to see all of you there. We also need donations for the Auction and Raffle. We welcome donations of new, used and handcrafted items. Bring your donated items to the Banquet. Contact [Larry Hice](#) with any questions about donations. Additional information will be provided in the November newsletter



### Chamness Award Nominations

Know someone deserving of recognition? Nominations are being accepted for the 2022 Chamness Award. It's named after **Johnny Chamness**, one of our founding members whose dedication and service were instrumental to the club's success. Although Johnny never held office, his service to the club continued unabated until the years and health issues forced him to limit his activities. Johnny's countless contributions were officially recognized in 1998 with the creation of the Johnny Chamness Award for excellence in service.

In keeping with the spirit of service to the club, the Chamness Award is presented to members who have provided invaluable service to the club through their contributions of time, energies, and support of club functions, activities, events and goals. Nominations are easy. Simply submit the candidate's name along with the reason you feel he or she is deserving of the award to [Steve Kerkhof](#), our most recent recipient. Please keep your nomination confidential so the recipient can be surprised. You can also mail your nomination to TVFF, PO Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815. Please submit your nominations by **October 21<sup>st</sup>**.

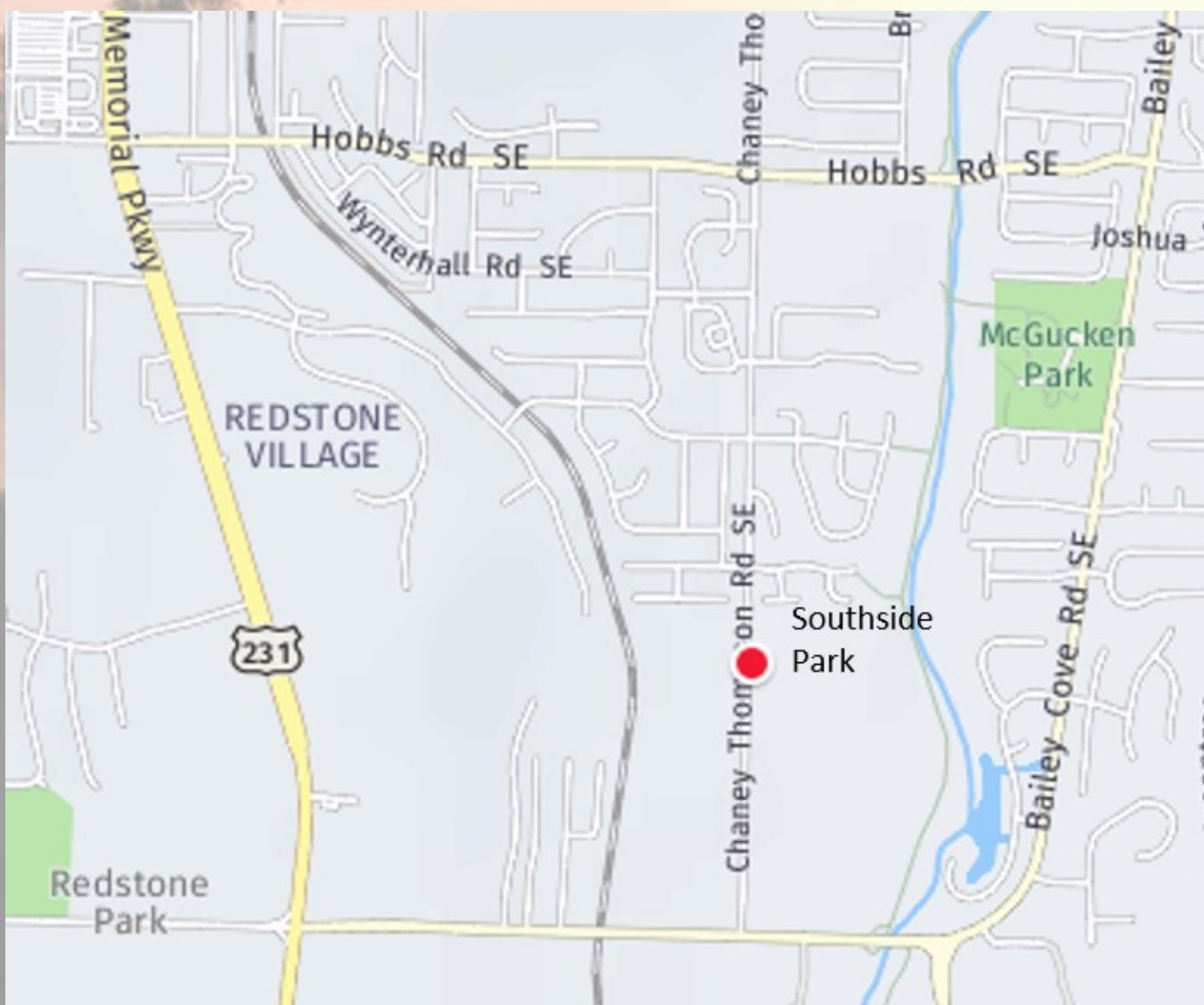




## Aldridge Creek Cleanup Saturday October 29, 8:00 AM

One of the club's conservation/civic activities is clean up day at Aldridge Creek. TVFF members wade a section of the creek near Southside Park to remove trash from the creek and its banks. We will meet on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM at Southside Park, 15935 Chaney Thompson Rd. in southeast Huntsville , AL. By the way, I checked the Crimson Tide football schedule and they don't have a game that day.

Operation Green Team has provided trash bags, grippers and cotton gloves for us. We will divide up into teams and each team will cleanup a short section of the creek. It might be a good idea to bring a bottle of water for yourself. We could also use a volunteer to stay at the tent and talk to the people on the Greenway who are interested in TVFF. The club will buy lunch for the volunteers afterward.





## Fly Tyers Rendezvous

Join FFI at a free fly tying event on October 22. Come watch demonstrations by experts. You can also bring your vise or use one of ours to join in the fun. There will have extra materials, you will be able to tie together! If you make a weekend trip, they will try to fish on Sunday (depending on weather and water flows). Click [here](#) for a flyer to print and distribute at your favorite fly shops. If you would like to be a demo tyer please visit our [website to register](#).

A FREE EVENT!

# Fly Tyers Rendezvous

**Come join us for a  
celebration of the art  
of fly tying!**

Some of the world's most gifted fly tyers and designers will be demonstrating their artistry with hooks, tubes, feathers, hair, fur and synthetics. Tyers will be demonstrating how to tie every genre of flies. Learn from the masters and tie some flies of your own. Bring your friends and family! If you are staying for the weekend, come fish with us on Sunday.

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Sat. 9am - 4:30pm  
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A.K. Hinds University Center  
245 Memorial Dr.  
Cullowhee, NC 28723

For more information, visit:

[www.secffi.org/events](http://www.secffi.org/events)



## 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](#) 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](#). 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**



## October Funny Holidays

### International Coffee Day

**October 1st**

Coffee is a staple for much of us fishermen that like to wake up early and beat the heat when fishing.

International Coffee Day originated in Milan Italy, but it can be celebrated everywhere! Grab a cup of coffee today and enjoy your Saturday by watching some football.

A pretty neat brand you can try is Angler's Coffee. Founded by fly fishermen, you can find their website [here](#).



### National Knock Knock Joke Day

**October 31**

The history of knock knock joke day is knot well known but here are a few jokes for you:

Knock knock. Who's there? A little old lady. A little old lady who. I didn't know you could yodel.

Knock knock. Who's there? Figs. Figs who? Figs the doorbell, it is broken.

Knock knock. Who's there? Atch. Atch who? Gesundheit.

Knock knock. Who's there? Honeybee. Honey be who? Honeybee a dear and get the door.





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