



TVFF Club News

November 2023



Annual Banquet and Auction Friday November 10th 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. If you would like to attend and haven't already RSVP'd, please let [Larry Hice](#) (256-508-2344) know as soon as possible.

The recipient of the Johnny Chamness award for service to the club will also be announced. The dinner menu is catered by Ted's BBQ. You can bring a dessert to share if you'd like.

Please bring any unwanted fishing items for our auction. This is the club's largest source of income.

The banquet replaces our program for November. There will not be a meeting on the third Thursday this month. More information can be found on [Page 9](#).

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Welcome New Members:

Jennifer Graham

This Month

- November 2 – BOD Meeting, 7, PM
- November 9 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- November 10– Banquet, 7 PM
- November 23 – THANKSGIVING

Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof
Vice President: Bob Lowery
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 **this month** November 2, 2023, 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 9th, 7 PM

Polish Pheasant Tail Nymph

Cost: \$3.00

This example comes from Davie McPhail, an experienced tyer and prolific YouTuber. This variation was inspired by a fly that came from Poland where nymphing is a passion.

Materials

Hook: size 12, 14 or 16 nymph hook

Thread: Red or Black 8/0

Tail: Rooster Saddle feather fibers

Body: Pheasant Tail

Dubbing: Rabbit, Hares mask or other



November 23th, 7PM

No Tying because of Thanksgiving Holiday

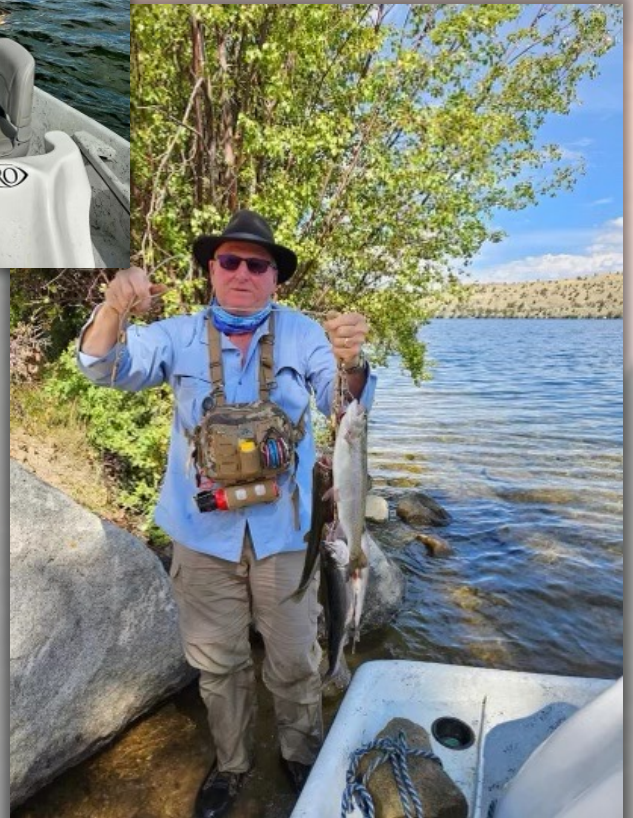
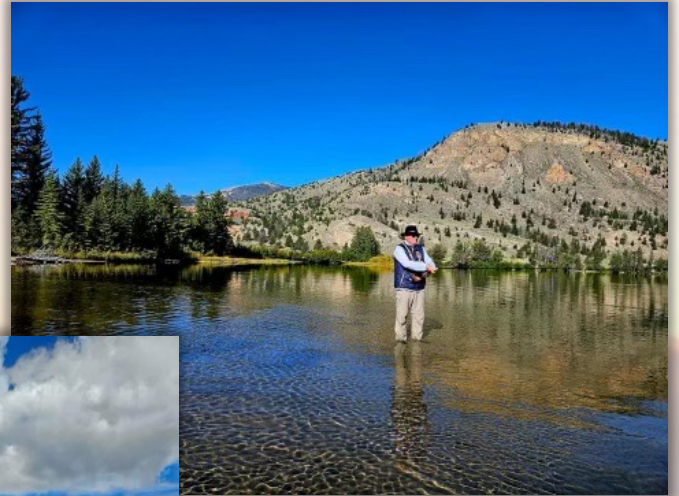


All are welcome! Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or, better yet, one of your own design. The sessions are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.



Fish of the Month

TVFF member, Andy King was gifted a fishing trip to Wyoming from his wife. He took his boat with him and fished many different types of water, including Stillwater. Andy's balanced leech he tied a few months ago with the club came in handy. Helping him land some nice fish! Looks like a great trip Andy with a ton of beautiful scenery. Well done!



More Fish of the Month

TVFF member, Tom Vajentic had a day fishing the Elk River earlier this month! Recently they stocked the Elk with Yellowstone Cutthroat. Tom went there and caught over 100, and a big Rainbow. Wow, glad to see the our local water producing some good fish!



TVFF member, Connor Baker took a trip to the Watagua River with his father in East Tennessee. They caught several dozen fish, as well as this big very red Rainbow. Surprisingly this fish was caught on a size 22 midge. The weather was a little bit rainy and quite cold. Notice Connor had his lucky hat with him!

October TVFF Recap

Aldridge Creek Cleanup

October 7th, we had our annual Joe Tremblay Memorial Aldridge Creek Cleanup. We spent the morning picking up trash from one of our local streams. It was a good way to spend a Saturday. We did it early enough that we didn't miss any college football. Afterwards we met at Blue Plate Café and had a bite to eat.



September Fly Tying

We tied some neat flies for the month of October. For the first session, Andy King led us in tying the Rosenhopper. A fly invented by Orvis instructor Tom Rosenbauer. For the second session, Debbie Hill led us in tying a spooky glow in the dark crappie bug. She brought a lot of neat materials with her. Take a look.





Fly to Leader Knots

The first fishing knot I learned to tie was a clinch knot, soon followed by the improved clinch. It is still the knot that I tend to tie first but I have been trying to learn a few new ones. The ones below all have some advantage over what you may be using now. Try them out. There are a lot of good resources on the web. I deliberately picked 3 different sources so you can pick a favorite. I didn't use one of their videos but the guys at Salt Strong have a library of knot tying videos and they test the strength of the knots. Knot strength is one measure but don't get hung up on using the absolute strongest knot. You also need to be able to tie a knot easily and repeatably too.

Davy Knot

Use: Tying fly, lure or hook to leader

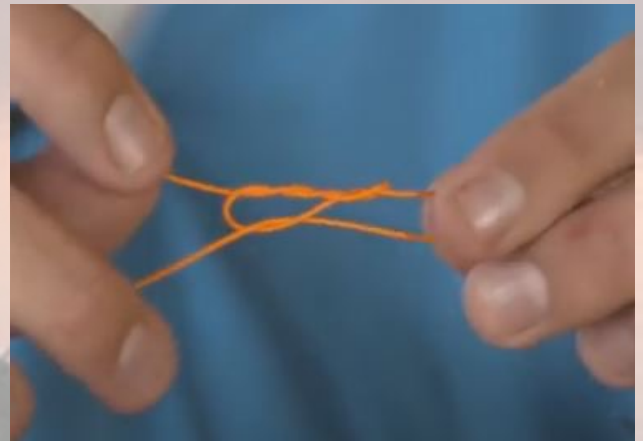
Named after Davy Wotton, a noted fly tyer, caster and fisherman, this has got to be the simplest knot to tie and it has excellent strength. Click the picture to link to a Tightline video that also has a bonus tip for tying this knot.



Orvis Knot

Use: Tying fly, lure or hook to leader

This one comes from Orvis. It is only a little more complicated than the Davy knot but still offers a small, extremely strong knot. This knot develops almost 100 % knot strength in a compact package. Click the picture to link to an Orvis instructional video.



Non-Slip Loop Knot

Use: Tying fly, lure or hook to leader

Use this knot to give some added life to your fly. Instead of snugging the knot against the eye this knot leaves a loop of line through the eye. This lets the fly swim and move more than when the hook eye is snug to the tippet. This video comes from the folks at Fly Fish Food.



How an Angler Turned Over \$100,000 Fishing for an Unwanted Species this Summer

Wouldn't it be neat to earn some money fly fishing? Well...the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife might have something for you, fishing for and removing an invasive species. According to an article from [Fly Lords](#), one angler earned over \$100k by removing pikeminnow. The entire article authored by Nelson Oxley can be found below. Click [here](#) for more information on the Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Program.

In the 2023 Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Program, a top angler netted over \$100k by removing just over ten thousand pikeminnow, while the runner-up earned \$98k for 9,700 fish. This annual conservation bounty initiative, operating in the lower Columbia River and funded by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), runs from May 1 to September 30, offering substantial rewards to anglers who help reduce pikeminnow—a species that preys on salmon and steelhead smolt. Critics argue that the program focuses on the wrong issue, diverting attention from the impact of BPA's dams along the Lower Snake River on native fish species.

No matter your perspective, this program is unquestionably one of the most lucrative ways to catch unwanted fish. In 2023, anglers earned \$6 per fish for their first 25 qualifying (9-inch-plus) catches of the season. Between 25 and 200 fish, the rate was \$8 each, and beyond 200, they earned \$10 each. Specially tagged fish could yield anglers rewards ranging from \$200 to \$500.





FFI Kingfisher Classic – Ted Crona

Ted Crona report on the Kingfisher Classic:

In a word, “EXCELLENT” Venue was much better upgrade from the past SEC events that I have attended. Since this was the first one since the “Fly Tier’s Weekend” before Covid, I didn’t expect much but it was planned well and organized well. The quality of the 31 tiers was well beyond expectations:

- 1. Peggy Brenner, Citrus Springs, Fl., - She is a past International FFI tying chairman and a world renown expert in Streamers. I met her at the 50th anniversary International Fly Fishing Fair in Bend, Or., where she conducted a seminar on streamers which was outstanding.*
- 2. Jeff Rowley, Amarillo, TX, a tier who ties excellent deer hair flies and is associated with SemperFli; all of the participating tiers got a box of SemperFli threads.*
- 3. David Boyer, Mountain Home, AR, SowBug tying chairman and member of the North Arkansas Fly Fishers*
- 4. Kieran Frye, Mount Pleasant, PA, an excellent past Idaho master tier.*
- 5. John Kiser, Pisgah Forest, NC, another excellent master tier.*
- 6. Probably, the last tier that I expected to see was Brian Bouna; he was not listed as a TVFF member, so I am assuming that he has dropped out of the club. He was tying some of his excellent hoppers and in the course of our conversation, he has gone on one of the “Blood Run” adventures in the remote Amazon jungle. Blood Run came out several years ago as a video of some awesome fly fishing deep in the heart of the Amazon river---best video on fly fishing ever produced. Brian had to wait over 2 years to be selected as one of the fly fisherman to go. He had some excellent photos and experiences.*

Hopefully next year we can get more attendance from TVFF employees! Sounds like a great time. Thank you for sharing Ted!



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TVFF Annual Banquet/Auction 2023

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual banquet/auction will be held on Friday, November 10th 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.

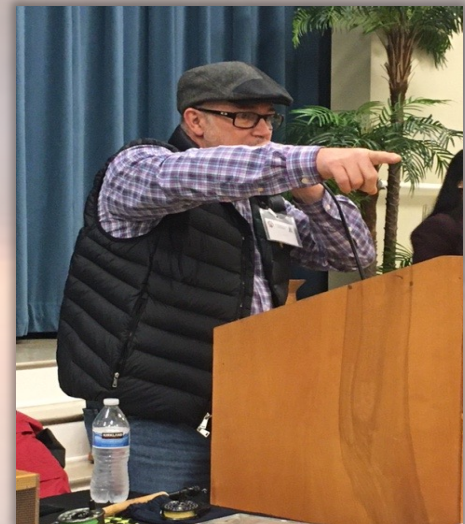
Desserts

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

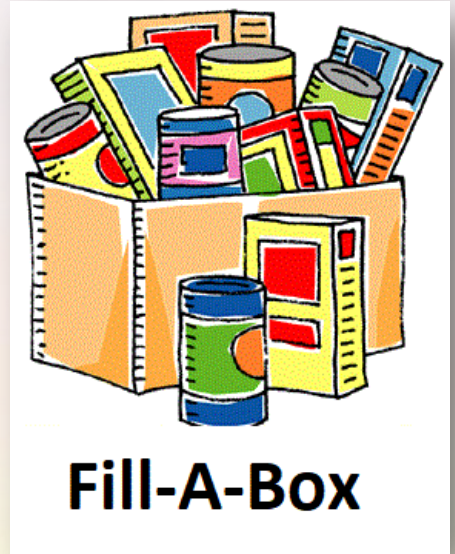
The banquet will be at Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, **Friday** night, **November 10th at 6:00 pm**. We will have a catered meal, with members paying \$10 per adult while the club pays for the kids under 12.

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.



Food Drive Box

Faith Presbyterian Church has a community food drive box outside of the church, in their parking lot. This box receives and distributes food staple items to members of the community in need. If you would like to help, please bring non-perishable items to place in the box. Faith Presbyterian Church has generously let us use Room 201 for years. The least we can do is provide food to members of their church community in need.



New TVFF Board Members

During our October TVFF club business meeting, we had an election for several new TVFF Board of Director positions. Thank you to those who accepted the nomination, we greatly appreciate your help. New board members are listed below:

- Vice President – Andy King
- Secretary – Rodney Durrett
- Education Director – Brian Moore
- Conservation Director – Bob Lowery

Mending the Line

Mending the Line is a new movie now playing on Amazon, Apple TV and all the other streaming channels. It was recommended to us by TVFF member Tom Vajentic. It is the story of a Marine wounded in Afghanistan that returns to a VA hospital in Montana where he meets a Vietnam vet who teaches him fly fishing as a means to coming to terms with his physical and emotional trauma.



November Holidays

National Sandwich Day

Date When Celebrated : Always November 3

We invite you to bite into your favorite sandwich, for today is *Sandwich Day*. The sandwich is truly a great creation. Sandwiches are a daily luncheon staple for millions of Americans.

The Creation of the Sandwich: The annals of English history report that John Montagu was the 4th Earl of Sandwich. Among other things, the 4th Earl of Sandwich was a heavy gambler. Montagu often spent many long hours in London's gambling parlors. In 1762, he created

the sandwich, by putting meat between two pieces of bread. This allowed him to remain at the gambling table for long periods of time. Obviously, the sandwich was named after him .

Celebrate this special day by eating sandwiches at every meal! Consume your favorite sandwich. Better yet, be bold and daring..... try a new sandwich!

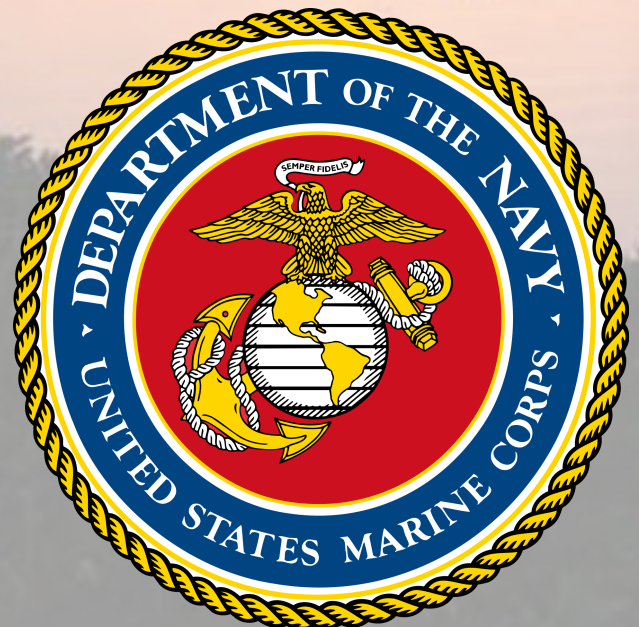


Marine Corps Birthday

Date When Celebrated : Always November 10

November 10th is the birth of the United States Marine Corps. The Marine Corps was created during the Revolutionary War. The Continental Congress of the newly created United States of America, authorized the creation of the Continental Marines on November 10, 1775. It was later renamed the U.S. Marine Corps. It is often abbreviated as USMC.

The Marine Corps has proudly participated in every war that has involved the United States. If you see a Marine today, thank them for their contributions to protecting our country. Active or retired, they deserve our thanks and appreciation.





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