



TVFF Club News

October 2025



October 16th Program

TVFF Annual Club Meeting



The TVFF Annual meeting will be held on the 16th of October at 7PM in room 201, social hour starts at 6:30PM.

The main focus of the Annual Meeting is to elect members to serve on the Board of Directors (BOD) and approve the 2026 budget.

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.

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Welcome New Members:

Ken White
Gary Lunsford

This Month

- October 9 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- October 16 – Club Meeting, 6:30 PM
- October 23 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

Officers and Directors

President: Dave Bailey
Vice President: Andy King
Secretary: Rodney Durrett
Treasurer: Aaron Serafinowicz
Membership: Debbie Hill
Activities: Larry Hice
Education: Brian Moore
Conservation: Bob Lowery
Communications: Connor Baker

Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is this month November 6th 2025, at 7 p.m. in Room 201 at the church. Members are welcome.



TVFF Fly Tying Group

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

October 9th, 7 PM

Cost: \$3

TBD

If interested in volunteering to tie, please let us know at editor@tvff.club or let our education director Brian know at cav_deuce@yahoo.com

October 23rd, 7 PM

Cost: \$3

TBD



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.



TVFF President David Bailey – TVFF Schedule of Events thru end of year

This month I want to review the TVFF schedule of events and activities that are planned for October through the end of the year.

The annual Joe Tremblay Aldridge Creek clean-up was on September 20. A dozen TVFF members participated and collected approximately 30 bags of trash from the creek. Thanks to all participants and Bob Lowery and Larry Hice for organizing the event.

October 9 and 23, November 13 and December 11 are the last scheduled fly-tying nights of 2025. TVFF members and non-members of all skill levels are invited to participate. Vises, tools and materials will be provided if needed. Cost per participant is \$3.00. Tying begins at 7 pm in room 201.

The October 16 monthly meeting will be the most important TVFF meeting of the year. At this meeting the 2026 budget will be presented to the general membership and the voting on the Board of Directors positions of Vice President, Secretary and Conservation Director will take place. If any current member is interested in any of the open positions, please contact me at dhb81252@gmail.com. The term for these positions is January 2026 through December 2027. There will be no speaker at this meeting. Social hour (1/2 hour) will begin at 6:30 with refreshments and light snacks provided. General meeting will start at 7.

The annual TVFF banquet, auction and sale are scheduled for Friday November 7 with doors opening at 5 pm. There will be a change in the schedule of the previous year's banquets. Fly fishing items will be for sale starting at 5 and refreshments will be available. Dinner will start around 6:30 with the raffle to follow.

Instead of the monthly meeting on December 18 the annual TVFF Holiday party will take place.



Aldridge Creek Cleanup 2025

September, our members gathered for the annual Joe Tremblay Aldridge Creek cleanup. Being one of our local fishing spots, we like to do our part to take care of this water way. We had a good turnout this year. One of the oddest items found this year was an owl! Not a real owl, but an owl decoy used to scare away pests. Thank you everyone for coming!





Fish of the Month

TVFF members, Greg Bayuga and David Clark did some fishing down in the Biloxi Marsh. Guide Ben Cummings put them on some great fish! Catching plenty of trophy Red Fish. To the right, David caught his first Red on a fly rod. Nice job David! Below are some of Greg's nice fish!



Left, TVFF member Andy King is still out west fishing for trout! Here he caught a nice Lake Trout!





More Fish of the Month

TVFF member Jonathan Craft did some exploring in the Little River Canyon area for Redeye Bass with his friend Nick. They caught some nice fish. The sunfish below center was caught on a Royal Trude we tied at a fly tying event. Below are some pictures of the the fish they caught and some of Alabama's beautiful scenery!



To the right, TVFF member Connor Baker caught this nice Tennessee Valley smallmouth bass. It was caught on an olive streamer.



9 Native Trout Species in the United States

Below are 9 native trout species of the United States. We have a lot of great native species that we should be proud of and protect. Below is a summary, and the entire article can be found [here](#) on Fly Lords. It was authored by Jake Lebsack.

1. **Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)** – One of the most prolific gamefish in America. Now found throughout the country, is native to North Pacific of America!
2. **Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii*)** – 14 different cutthroat subspecies. Native to Pacific Ocean and Rocky Mountain tributaries. Fun dry fly fish, identified by vibrant slash of red on lower jaw.
3. **Golden Trout (*Oncorhynchus aguabonita*)** – One of most rare trout species. Native to the California Sierra Mountains. Now stocked in other places like Wyoming. Very golden in color.
4. **Lake Trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*)** – Largest fish in the char family. Easily reach up to 30 inches. As the name implies, found in deep Northern lakes.
5. **Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)** – Native to the East coast Appalachian Mountains. Very pretty and vibrant colors. They are popular among fly fishers. Introduced to western streams, they need highly oxygenated water.
6. **Dolly Varden (*Salvelinus malma*)** – A close relative to Bull Trout and Arctic Char. Originally from Pacific Northwest. Can be found in coastal waterways.
7. **Bull Trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*)** – A very rare and threatened species. Found only in pristine waters. Suffered from logging, mining and development. Found currently in Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, and Montana.
8. **Gila Trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*)** – Another very rare species, found only in Arizona and New Mexico. Conservation efforts are currently working on preserving them. Have a yellow body with black spots.
9. **Apache Trout (*Oncorhynchus apache*)** – The state fish of Arizona, native to the upper Salt River and upper Little Colorado River watersheds. Threatened species, conservation efforts are underway. Distinguishing feature are the two black spots that appear on either side of the pupil, giving the fish the appearance of wearing a black mask around its eyes



Apache Trout



Golden Trout



Bull Trout

Bartram Bass Recognized as Unique Species

Below is an article from Georgia Outdoor News. It highlights a new black bass species native to Georgia, the Bartram Bass. It is a similar bass to our different native “redeye” basses (Coosa, Cahaba, Tallapoosa, Warrior, Chattahoochee). The article came out earlier this month and can be found [here](#).

While online articles and news reports tout a new species of bass being “discovered” in northeast Georgia, anglers and biologists have recognized a unique little bass for years. The news is that Bartram’s bass has been officially described as a new species of bass in scientific journals. Once referred to as a redeye bass, the newly named species is the result of decades of research and collaboration among scientists across the Southeast.

The formal description, published recently in the journal Zootaxa, follows years of study supported by a Competitive State Wildlife Grant awarded to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) in partnership with the Georgia DNR, Clemson University and the University of Georgia.

*The grant, funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, helped advance research into the genetics, habitat, and conservation needs of this distinct fish. The species is described by lead author Byron Freeman and coauthors, who named it Bartram’s Bass with the scientific name *Micropterus pucpugy*.*

“This recognition is a major milestone in understanding and protecting South Carolina’s native fish diversity,” said SCDNR Director, Dr. Tom Mullikin. “It highlights the importance of conserving the Savannah River system and the unique species that depend on it.”

Research is ongoing into Bartram’s Bass, an endemic fish found only in the shared Savannah River drainage of South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina and included in both South Carolina and Georgia’s State Wildlife Action Plans. Scientists are working to better understand conservation challenges facing these fish, including habitat changes and hybridization with non-native bass species.



Photo: Georgia Outdoor News



Keep the Flint River Clean

Conservation is important to TVFF and the Flint River is one of our local fishing spots. Please consider attending the below meeting on October 14th at Buckhorn High School. For more information visit

www.keeptheflintriverclean.org

KEEP THE FLINT RIVER CLEAN

Keep the Flint River Clean is a community-led alliance dedicated to protecting the health, beauty, and sustainability of the Flint River and its surrounding environment.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a central source of information, foster open dialogue, and encourage responsible development that preserves the natural resources, property values, and quality of life for all who call this area home.

Why It Matters



SEWAGE SMELLS AND NOISE:

Dangerous smells and potential sewage spills near our homes! Noise pollution from the plant running 24/7!



WATER QUALITY:

Up to 4 million gallons of treated wastewater (containing E.coli and other harmful bacteria/viruses) dumped into the Flint River DAILY!



TRAFFIC:

More truck traffic on Winchester Road will increase traffic accidents! These trucks will carry dried waste.



RIVER RECREATION:

Threatens wildlife (Hellbender Salamander), fishing, kayaking, swimming & local businesses that rely on the Flint River!



Show Opposition & Support
Relocating Alabama Department of
Environmental Management (ADEM)
Permit #AL0084447-Integra
Wastewater Facility

Public Meeting
OCTOBER 14TH
6:00 pm

Buckhorn High School Cafeteria
4123 Winchester Rd
New Market, AL 35761

How to Help

Contact local/state leaders to voice your concerns and demand responsible community planning

Share website on socials and in person with neighbors

Attend ADEM Public Meeting on October 14th at 6pm at Buckhorn High School Cafeteria

Purchase/Wear your Keep the Flint River Clean t-shirt

Sign the Community Pledge

Donate to the cause

www.keeptheflintriverclean.org





Annual Membership Meeting October 16th

The October meeting is the Annual Membership Meeting, as is spelled out in the bylaws. We will hold elections for five Board of Director positions as noted below. We will also present the 2026 Budget to be voted on by the members.

The bylaws specify nine Board positions consisting of 4 officers – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 directors – Activities, Communications, Membership, Education and Conservation. The term for all positions is two years but the terms are staggered to help maintain continuity on the Board of Directors.

Elections

This year we will elect 4 positions – Vice President, Secretary, Conservation Director, Education Director. The term for these positions begins January 1, 2026 and ends December 31, 2027. The nominees are:

2026 Budget

The 2026 budget will be presented to the membership for approval.

Charter or Affiliate

The business portion of the meeting will be followed by a status report from the Board on changing the club from Charter Club to Affiliate Club with FFI.

Light Refreshment

Light refreshments and drinks will be offered starting at 6:30PM. Feel free to come early and socialize with your fellow club members.





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. 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. Please bring your fly line to David Bailey or Debbie Hill, and reach out with any questions.



Chamness Award Nominations

Know someone deserving of recognition? Nominations are being accepted for the 2025 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 [Tom Wallace](#), 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 our October meeting.



Share Your Favorite Fly Fishing Guides!

We're building a comprehensive list of recommended fly fishing guides for our website. Help fellow club members plan their next trip by submitting your favorites. Email your guide submissions to radurrett@gmail.com or info@tvff.club. Please include: State, Body of Water, Outfitter, Guide's Name, and Website.



October Holidays

International Day of Failure

Date When Observed: October 13th

This holiday, which originated in Finland, encourages everyone to view mistakes not as setbacks, but as essential steps toward innovation and success. The day aims to remove the stigma attached to "failing" by reminding us that every major breakthrough—from the lightbulb to the Dyson vacuum—came after countless unsuccessful attempts. Take a moment to reflect on your own recent missteps, learn from them, and be inspired to take that next big risk without the fear of failure holding you back. Don't view a day of getting skunked on the river as failure, learn from it and do better next time!



International Sloth Day

Date When Celebrated : October 20th

This holiday is dedicated to celebrating the world's most deliberate mammal and raising awareness for its conservation. While sloths are famous for their slow pace—taking up to 30 days to digest a single meal—they are surprisingly fast swimmers and play a key role in the health of Central and South American rainforests. Honor the day by learning about the threats sloths face from habitat loss, or simply by committing to a slow, restful day of your own.





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