



# TVFF Club News

September 2021



## September Program



[TVA](#) Watershed Process Specialist **Shannon O'Quinn** will talk Sept. 16 via Zoom about the [Elk](#) and [Caney Fork](#) cold-water trout streams. Shannon works to improve and protect water quality in the TVA areas of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. TVA partners with community groups and natural-resource agencies to assess watershed conditions, develop improvement plans, leverage funding, and implement water quality projects. These efforts positively affect local communities by improving drinking water supplies, aquatic habitat, recreation opportunities, human health, and economic development. Shannon has been with TVA for 21 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from [Radford University](#) and a master's in Geosciences from [East Tennessee State](#).

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### Welcome New Members

Slade Lutz  
Tina Ellson

### This Month

- Sept 9 – Fly tying – 7 PM Room 201.
- Sept 16 - Club meeting - 7 PM Rm 201
- Sept 23 - Fly Tying - 7 PM Room 201

### Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof  
Vice President: Connor Baker  
Secretary: Gary Jedlovec  
Treasurer: David Mahlik  
Membership: Debbie Hill  
Activities: Larry Hice  
Education: Fred Kaufmann  
Conservation: Corey Pedigo  
Communications: Dana Beyerle

### Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting will be 7 PM Nov. 4, Faith Presbyterian Church, corner Whitesburg/Airport, Room 201. Members are welcome .

## TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted at Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201 at 7 PM. There will not be a Zoom for fly tying in September.



### 9 September 7PM Room 201 in person Bass Master – Lead Tyer, Fred Kaufmann

Cost: \$2.00 in person

The Bass Master is a proven fly for catching largemouth and smallmouth bass. This one is a subsurface fly and is irresistible to big fish.

Materials:

Thread: 210 Denier to match body color

Hook 60 degree jig hook

Body: Cactus Chenille

Tail: Zonker strip

Legs: Barred silicone legs

Eyes: Painted lead eyes

Please bring a mask in case  
masking rules change



Bass Master

### 23 September 7PM Foam Caterpillar - Featured Tyer, Joe Tremblay

Saw this [caterpillar](#) on YouTube tied by Polish fly tier, Sztuczna Mucha. This pattern looks “fishy” and is quick and easy to tie. So I thought we could tie it and see if it fishes as good as it looks.

Materials:

Thread: 6/0

Streamer

Rib: Green wire  
chenille

Over Body: 2mm chartreuse craft foam  
hackle

Other: Red Sharpie

Hook: Saber #7042

Body: Black wooly bugger

Hackle: Lt brown dry fly



*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 better yet, one of your own design.*

*Join us for 2 hour sessions held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7 PM.*

**Health Notice:** By attending the in-person session you accept responsibility for any and all associated health risks.



TVFF member **Wade Blevins** (top) leads an August fly tying session. We had a great turnout for this session. TVFF conducts two fly tying sessions each month, on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201, on the corner of Airport Road and Whitesburg Drive SE. (Photos by TVFF member **Larry Hice**)



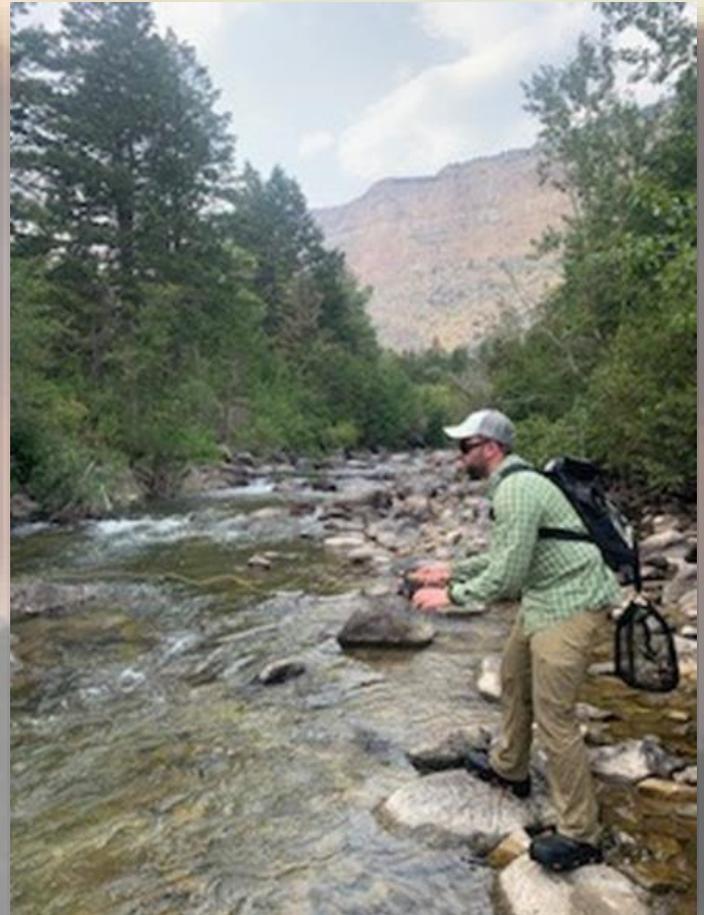
TVFF member **Bill Walters**, above, takes imported Tonkin bamboo and 35 hours to 50 hours later he has made a beautiful “Bill Walters” split-bamboo fly rod. Bill was our August speaker and explained how he learned about bamboo-rod making more than 20 years ago. Bill said modern bamboo rods are “much different than Grandpa’s heirloom rod” in flexibility and casting. Still, a modern bamboo rod, if cared for properly will become an “heirloom” rod for generations to come. Modern rods excel at “feeling the cast,” Bill said. The August meeting, above right, had the best attendance in about two years now that COVID vaccinations are helping Alabamians get back together. Stay safe, folks. (Photo above left, **Dana Beyerle**; right, **Steve Kerkhof**)



**The Fly Fishers International (FFI)** – Southern Council (SOC) Board of Director’s unanimously decided to postpone the 2021 Southern Council Conclave in Mountain Home, Ark., that was to begin this month. In a statement, the BOD said “we cherish your health and safety above all other factors. Yes, we do miss being around our fly tying, fly fishing, and fly casting friends. We will miss the many vendors who were willing to attend also.” The BOD rescheduled the conclave for Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2022. The Conclave link for future information is <https://ffisoc.org/conclave>.

From TVFF member **Connor Baker**:

I had a great opportunity in August to head out to Wyoming to visit my sister and fish. Although fishing was very slow the entire week, there were still many fish to be caught and a great time to be had. I started at the North Platte River near Casper and caught a handful of rainbows and cutthroat. The next few days, I met up with a friend and fished more of the western part of the state, near Riverton, catching Yellowstone cutthroats, brown, brook, and rainbow trout. The end goal was to complete the Wyoming Cutthroat Slam (catch all four Wyoming cutthroat species in their native habitat), but the weather was not on our side. It rained much of the week and the temperature dropped to the low 40s. After spending an entire day trying to catch the Colorado River cutthroat, we decided that it was best to complete the slam next time! We redeemed the trip by exploring the area around my sister's house. Found some amazing spots and caught plenty of fish! Luckily we saw only one bear.

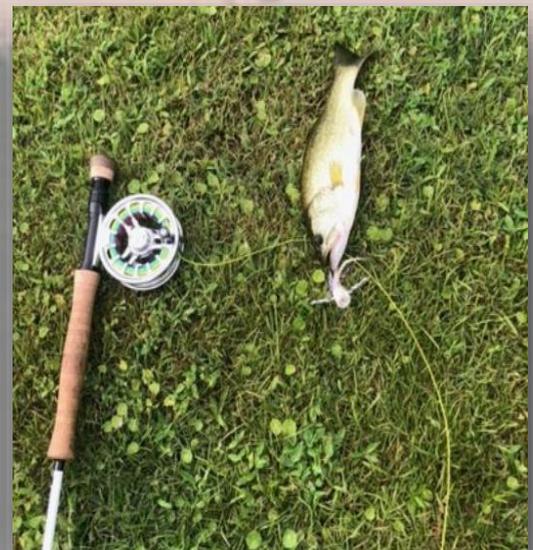


### **New E-Mail Address?**

If you get a new email address or want your TVFF email to go to a different address, email [editor@tvff.org](mailto:editor@tvff.org) and we'll fix you right up. If you've missed an email, check your spam folder.



While Connor was out West, TVFF member **Greg Bayuga** was hauling them in at a private pond in Madison County. Greg caught and released 10 like these two. Notice the big popping bug in the right photo. (Photos contributed Connor Baker, Greg Bayuga)





### 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 to 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 in 2019. Since CFR retreats were put on hold due to Covid this past year, there were no TVFF fly boxes donated. TVFF would like to renew this project this year. 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 (Hamburge rHelper, 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



**Fly Fishers International Virtual Expo is Nov. 5-7.** Great activities are planned. Check the [website](#) for more information. You can be a sponsor or exhibitor for between \$500 and \$3,000. Instructors will be online for seminars and workshops covering casting, tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation. Also, there will be auctions and raffles. Inquire at [ffiexpoauction@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:ffiexpoauction@flyfishersinternational.org).

**Your Film Talents Are Needed.** The FFI also is sponsoring a [film](#) festival for all to tell their fly-fishing-related stories through film. Experienced or novice, young or old, close to home or in exotic locations, all are invited to submit their original films. Entries will be selected by a panel of judges from the fly fishing community whose identities will be confidential until after the contest. Expo registrants will also vote for a Fan Favorite of those selected by the judges. Submissions must be fly fishing related, and can feature topics related to conservation, education, community, destination, or just a good ol' fishing story. All submissions must be original material and submissions can not have been previously released in any form, including social media platforms, video posting websites, or elsewhere on the internet. Entries also cannot have been in any other fly-fishing film festival or competition. Top prize is \$2,000. Entry deadline is Sept. 10.



#### **BOD Minutes**

BOD minutes are now available for review at the monthly meetings.

Members can read the minutes by simply asking the Club Secretary,



# TVFF Job Jar YOU CAN HELP!

Click on a Job listed below and send an email to volunteer or to obtain additional information.  
This is your opportunity to support TVFF without signing up for a long term commitment.  
Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

[Manage the TVFF Job Jar](#) - Update this page monthly and coordinate requests.

[Provide flies for the TVFF Casting for Recovery \(CfR\) Fly Box](#) – Tie or purchase 14 flies of the same pattern for the TVFF CfR Fly Box. Contact the [TVFF program manager](#) prior to selecting the pattern to avoid duplicates. Fly boxes will be donated annually.

CfR provides free healing retreats for women breast cancer survivors in various stages of treatment and recovery. CfR's retreats offer women opportunities to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature.

[Club News Contributor](#) - Provide the Communication Director content of interest geared toward our members such as activities, articles, trip reports, etc.

[Official TVFF Photographer\(s\)](#) - Photograph TVFF events and email photos to the Communication Director.

[Safety Pin Flies](#) - Tie some safety pin flies to be given to visitors at TVFF outreach activities. This simple to tie pattern is very popular with younger visitors. Demand is always great and outstrips our supply; we never have enough.

[Manage TVFF Calendar](#) - Update TVFF Google Calendar with events provided by BOD.

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